

## British role in space science under threat

### Europeans and Americans doubt commitment by UK

From Pearce Wright, Kourou, French Guiana, and Robert Matthews, London

Britain's future involvement in space programmes has been placed in serious doubt by both its European and American partners.

Members of the European Space Agency may ask Britain to leave the organization at the weekend.

And in the United States, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has warned the White House that the current crisis facing Britain's space industry poses a threat to the international space station project launched in 1984 by President Reagan.

The Reagan Administration is viewing "with great concern" Whitehall's failure to

back the British National Space Centre's £200 million plan to ensure the UK's continued involvement in space.

Britain's chief contribution to the space station, which is due for launch in the mid-1990s, was to be a manned orbiting platform, carrying scientific equipment, and the development of sophisticated computer technology to control the station.

London's rejection of the space centre's proposals has

West Germans 20 per cent, Britain has contributed the minimum 3 per cent for its membership of the European Space Agency.

Dr Lust said: "Britain has to choose between dependency on American technology or helping establish European autonomy in space technology." He believed Britain was facing its "last opportunity" to show whether it was committed to a European space programme.

His view will be conveyed when officials from the 13 member-countries of the agency meet for a "planning workshop". They are preparing for the first summit in five years, when ministers to the agency meet in November to approve its long-term plans.

Ironically, the officials to whom Dr Lust will put this view in Paris at the weekend include Mr Roy Gibson, the director of the British National Space Centre, whose resignation takes effect at the end of the month.

Mr Gibson resigned when the Government failed to adopt a long-term space plan for Britain which would increase the country's spending in space from £112 million to nearly £300 million a year for the next five years.

Dr Lust hopes the British Government will reconsider the issue by November. But he said that he was not optimistic.

However, the Reagan Administration is reportedly particularly worried about the possible loss of a strong ally in the final negotiations, with other European countries, on the management of the space station programme.

The US concern over the British space crisis came to light yesterday at the launch of a new British space technology organization aimed at keeping Britain in the space business.

Called Space Ventures Ltd, the new company is backed by leading UK aerospace and electronics firms and will act as a link between the suppliers of the technology, such as British Aerospace, Marconi and Logica, the British National Space Centre, and financial institutions.

## Thatcher's message of hope from the wilderness



Mrs Thatcher in Teesside yesterday at one of the derelict sites which she hopes will eventually provide new jobs. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

### Teesside has 'real potential'

By Peter Davenport

The Prime Minister embarked on her much heralded tour of some of the country's most deprived inner cities and towns yesterday in a determined mood to restore prosperity and create new jobs.

She chose Teesside in the North-East as the venue for the first of a series of visits she will make in the week leading up to the Conservative Party conference.

Mrs Thatcher made the task of regenerating the inner cities a key element of her Government's policy. Yesterday she spent six hours on Teesside touring the site of derelict former steel works earmarked for possible new housing schemes and shopping centres by the Urban Development Corporation for the area.

She also inspected an inner city housing development, visited a youth business centre and officially opened the latest phase of a new computer design and manufacturing centre on an industrial park.

Cleveland has the highest unemployment rate of any county in Britain and within Teesside itself 48,000 jobs have disappeared. The town of Middlesbrough has an unemployment rate of 28 per cent.

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## Leaders smooth the way to a merger vote victory

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The prospect of successful merger between the Alliance parties came a step closer yesterday as the party leaders wooed doubters at the Liberal Assembly in Harrogate.

There was no doubt among senior figures in both parties that the Assembly will today pass the motion recommending the opening of merger talks by a massive margin.

Mr Robert MacLennan, the SDP leader, who was given a standing ovation, pleaded delegates by declaring in a new merged party must be open, decentralised and anti-establishment.

He made sure he did not repeat his insistence to the SDP conference that there must be prior agreement on nuclear power.

Mr MacLennan sought to reassure SDP doubters by saying once again yesterday that there must be agreement on principles as well as on the constitution.

In a series of interviews he insisted that there had to be agreement on basic policies, including a "clear stance" on defence.

He took the risk of upsetting some Liberals by warning the assembly that he did not favour a "blank cheque" approach to the elections and

insisting "together we must proclaim our commitment as internationalists to the collective strategy of NATO for defence and disarmament, retaining a nuclear element in Britain's defence capability for the foreseeable future".

In conciliatory mood, he soothed Liberal fears that he would be insisting on detailed policy commitments as the price of merger agreement by saying that it was not his

desire "to seek definitions and additions down to the last decimal point".

Policy was essentially for the membership of the new party to decide as issues evolved.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, underlined his agreement with Mr MacLennan that there had to be a clear stance on major policy questions, including nuclear defence.

Mr Steel said that by 1991 the Trident missile system, which the Alliance parties had pledged to scrap at the last election, might be so far advanced that it was not possible for an incoming government to cancel.

He added in a BBC Television interview: "Supposing we come to an election in 1991 and Trident is already in place. The answer is we don't jettison it unilaterally but use it constructively in the disarmament process."

"We say to our allies 'Here is the role for the British independent deterrent in the next stage after the INF agreement'."

A number of Liberals are opposed to any switch of policy on Trident and feel that the Government has conceded too much, but most yesterday accepted that Mr MacLennan had tactical needs to satisfy in his own party as well as theirs with his reference to nuclear defence.

The problem remains of squaring the circle between Mr MacLennan's insistence on a clear policy stance and the widespread Liberal feeling that policy should be left to the members of any new merged party to settle.

The party leaderships are considering the production not only of a constitution with a statement of principles enshrined in its preamble, but of a separate document to be signed by the two leaders, setting out their views at that point on major policy questions.

## The first minutes at Chernobyl

By Stewart Tendler

The horrifying first minutes of the Chernobyl nuclear explosion and the heroism of firemen who averted an even worse disaster were graphically detailed yesterday by a Russian fire expert.

It began, according to Major General Anatoly Mikeev, with "fireworks of hot fragments, and then a black ball of smoke and steam ascending above the unit".

The first 28 firemen found hot pieces of graphite and reinforced concrete scattered on the roofs of surrounding buildings. There were five of them on different floors of the damaged reactor building, which threatened the safety control system of the whole plant.

Maj-Gen. Mikeev, speaking at the International Police Exhibition and Conference 87 in London, told an audience of police commanders and disaster experts that the firemen worked close to the reactor "in the cold clear knowledge that they were working in a highly radioactive zone though not knowing its real level". They had prevented the disaster from reaching unimaginable proportions by stopping fire reaching a second reactor.

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### Glory for Welsh footballers

The part-time footballers of Merthyr Tydfil brought glory to the Welsh hills last night by beating the superstars of Italy's Atalanta 2-1 in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup first round tie.

Merthyr, a non-league team who usually attract gates of less than 1,000, thrilled a capacity crowd of 8,000 at Penydarren Park. The home side took the lead after 34 minutes through a free kick from Rogers, but Atalanta equalized with minutes later.

Merthyr, who qualified for the competition by winning the Welsh Cup last season, play in the midland division of the Beazer Homes League. The Welshmen missed two chances to go ahead again, French and Webley missing from point-blank range, before Williams grabbed the winner.

In the European Cup, Rangers, the Scottish champions, lost 1-0 away to Dynamo Kiev, Kiev, one of the favourites to win the competition, had difficulty breaking down the Rangers defence and had to wait until midway through the second half for their goal, a penalty.

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Europe's lead

thrown the future of these projects into doubt.

The UK Government will be told at the top-level European meeting in Paris that Britain has become more of a hindrance than a help to the development of European space science and technology.

The message will come from Dr Reimar Lust, the Director-General of the European Space Agency at the Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana, after the successful launch of the Ariane 3 rocket on Tuesday night.

Forecasting that meeting, Dr Lust told *The Times* yesterday: "Britain isn't needed any more on its present terms of membership. It would be a tragedy if Britain retired from the European space programme. But the UK has to recognize that it has to contribute its fair share to the European effort."

While the French have paid 60 per cent of the cost of developing Ariane, and the

### Coal clash about 'right to manage'

By Roland Rudd and Tim Jones

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, has accused Mr Arthur Scargill of calling an overtime ban over the new code of conduct in an attempt to have union activists, some of whom have highly disruptive records, re-instated.

Sir Robert, writing in *The Times* today, says that the "real, deep issue is simple. Who is managing the coal industry?"

He says that the events of the past few days have made it "absolutely clear" that there is no justification for action.

His comments come as Mr Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, and his executive prepare to draw up their battle plans. British Coal estimates that the overtime ban will cost the industry £10 million a week.

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### Iraqi air raids end lull in Gulf conflict

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

Iraq broke the *de facto* ceasefire over the waters of the Gulf yesterday, attacking an Iranian ship near Kharg Island only hours before Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, was due to report in New York on the results of his peace mission to the area.

The Iraqis said they had staged four air raids against the Iranian oil terminal on Kharg Island and the oil fields of Karang and Baghi-Malek, damaging a ship off the Iranian coast.

The raids followed Iraqi claims that the Iranians had resumed their bombardment of civilian areas of the southern Iraqi city of Basra - firing 21 shells into the area overnight - an event which prompted more bloodthirsty statements from Baghdad.

If the Iraqis continued with their "imprudent acts", Iraq said that it would "razz

Iranian cities and towns to the ground, summoning up to 200 jet fighters for such raids if they were deemed necessary." Iraq's patience, it was announced, "would not last for too long".

The Iraqis announced naval manoeuvres in the Gulf, operations which are supposed to include mock speed boat attacks at sea "against hypothetical targets" and coastal defence preparations. Be that as it may, there can now be little doubt that Iraq will retaliate for the new Iraqi attacks.

LONDON: The Kremlin has given assurances to Kuwait that it will support a UN resolution to impose an arms embargo against Iraq if peace efforts fail, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah said in London (Nicholas Beeson writes).

### Alton set to resign over abortion bill

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr David Alton is expected to resign as the Liberal chief whip next week because he wishes to promote a bill tightening restrictions on abortion, which would be opposed by several of his fellow MPs including Mr David Steel.

Mr Alton, MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill, who drew third place in the ballot for private members' Bills earlier this summer, has yet to make a final decision on which bill to promote. He is under strong pressure from Mr Steel and others at the Harrogate Assembly to pick a less controversial subject.

However, colleagues said last night that they saw little chance of him being being deterred.

His bill would probably seek to reduce the legal limit for abortions from 28 weeks to 20, amending seriously the pioneering Abortion Act introduced by Mr Steel himself

20 years ago, which gave women the right to free abortions on medical advice up to 28 weeks.

Mr Alton refused to comment yesterday. Other Liberal MPs said such a Bill would be incompatible with his job of chief whip, in which he is expected to ensure party unity.

One MP said that Mr Alton, a Catholic, was obsessed by a subject which would never command majority support at the Assembly and that he would have to resign if he pursued it.

His parliamentary colleagues are split between those who believe women should have maximum right of choice and those who believe that Liberal responsibility should be to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Mr Steel and others have told Mr Alton that he would not necessarily be expected to resign if he goes ahead.

## Plymouth defends Drake against new Armada

By Alan Hamilton and Ruth Gledhill

Citizens of Plymouth are less than impressed by a forthcoming exhibition at the National Maritime Museum in London which suggests that their most famous son may not, after all, have been single-handedly responsible for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

The exhibition, arranged to mark the four-hundredth anniversary of the Armada next year and due to open on April 20, aims to put the event into a wider historical context, and demotes Sir Francis Drake to a minor role, much less responsible for the Spanish defeat than was the British weather.

Dr Stephen Deuchar, organizer of the exhibition, said he was not trying to undermine Drake's role, "but we

are not interested in the heroes and villains aspect of the story.

"Most people think Drake was in charge of the English fleet; he was not. He has been turned into a hero because he suits the English archetype of the swashbuckling, laid-back, super-efficient hero. But before the Armada he was a privateer who would go off raiding Spanish treasure ships. He was private enterprise personified."

The demotion of Sir Francis has particularly angered Mr Reg Scott, a member of Plymouth City Council and its Lord Mayor at the time of the Falklands campaign.

"The National Maritime Museum are being much too prissy about this, as though they did not want to offend the Spanish now that they are in

Europe. Drake's role in the campaign was extremely significant; he was the best known Englishman to the Spaniards at the time."

Mr Scott intends to raise the issue at a city council meeting next week, and hopes that Plymouth will write to the National Maritime Museum to complain.

He is not impressed that Spain has lent many items for the exhibition, that the Queen is its patron, and that the Spanish ambassador is on its committee.

The city is fighting back; its first shot in the war was to refuse to lend the National Maritime Museum Drake's Drum, which is kept at his former West Country home, Buckland Abbey. It is also staging an important

series of commemorative events of its own next summer.

Miss Janet Poynter, coordinator of Armada 400, the city council body running the commemoration, said yesterday: "In Plymouth, Drake is a great historical figure. Wherever I go in the world and mention 'Armada', people immediately say 'Drake'."

Bowls clubs from all over the world are coming to play on Plymouth Hoe, a large Spanish contingent is expected, and invitations have been sent to the 38 other Plymouths around the world. The city has put out tentative invitations to the Queen and to King Juan Carlos of Spain.

The highlight of Plymouth's celebrations will be a re-enactment of the naval battle next July.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Reprieve for the earth sciences

The University Grants Committee yesterday dropped its threat to force some university earth sciences departments to stop doing research and confine themselves to teaching.

The step was recommended in a report last May by Professor Ron Oxburgh of Cambridge University, and raised fears among many academics that it would become a prototype for the entire university system.

Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, grants committee chairman, says in a letter to vice-chancellors that the committee has decided, in the light of comments it has received, that earth sciences should be taught in two kinds of departments, both of which will continue to do research.

One will be involved in research and honours degree teaching and normally have at least 180 students. The other will be combined with geology or geography departments. Although the staff will be expected to carry out research, expensive equipment will be concentrated in a limited number of larger departments.

## Plea over dock jobs

Leaders of the Grimsby trawler industry met government ministers yesterday in what was seen as a last ditch effort to save what remains of the historic fishing port.

Landings have declined drastically since the introduction of the National Dock Labour Scheme, but the Transport and General Workers' Union has threatened to take industrial action to defend its members' jobs-for-life.

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Patrick Nicholas, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, were said to be under instruction not to make any concessions at yesterday's meeting which could provoke a national strike.

## 'Housing the rich' Warming campaign

The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, yesterday demanded that the Government reconsider its policies on housing.

Dr Jenkins said in Harlepool, Cleveland, that government attempts to offer a wider choice of housing to families had failed because there was nothing for poorer people.

He told a conference organized by the Institute of Housing that increasing the involvement of private landlords would lead to the best properties being "creamed off".

The Government yesterday announced a new publicity campaign to help the elderly and other vulnerable groups to keep warm this winter.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, gave details of the campaign at an international conference in Brighton on "ageing well".

He said that the emphasis would be on simple preventive measures and the proper clothes, diet and exercise. The DHSS would be having urgent talks with the main voluntary organizations concerned.

## Poll tax talks agreed

The Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, which represents more than 300 local authorities in England and Wales, yesterday agreed to take part in talks on the introduction of the proposed poll tax.

The association is opposed to the tax, which is due to replace household rates by 1994, but, unlike other local government bodies, it is now promising to co-operate over its introduction.

It is particularly interested to find out who is going to pay the £40 million, a figure disputed by the Government, that it estimates will be the cost of preparing for poll tax during 1988-89.

## Haughey pledges full support for agreement

By John Cooney and Philip Webster

for an hour in Dublin on Tuesday evening.

The meeting, which was arranged earlier this month but kept secret until Mr King's surprise arrival in Dublin, was the first discussion on Anglo-Irish issues by Mr Haughey and Mr King.

Later Mr King had a three-hour working dinner with Mr Brian Lenihan, the republic's foreign minister and co-chairman of the Anglo-Irish Conference, about the agenda for next month's formal meeting.

A spokesman at the Department of Foreign Affairs in

Dublin last night dismissed reports that the meeting was held in a crisis atmosphere dominated by the controversy over the Diplock non-jury courts. He said that, in fact, the mood was harmonious and positive.

Mr King and Mr Lenihan exchanged views on how they see changes in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland, satisfactory progress on which hinges on Mr Haughey's decision next December whether to apply new extradition arrangements for the swift transfer of wanted IRA suspects from the Irish

Republic to Britain and Northern Ireland. Pressure is likely to be exerted by the Irish government on the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, over the next few months to reform the Diplock courts. Last year Mrs Thatcher turned down Dr FitzGerald's proposal that the courts should be presided over by three judges rather than one.

The Government gave notice yesterday that it will fight to overturn a European ruling which ministers fear could weaken Britain's anti-terrorism law.

The seven-day detention powers of the Prevention of Terrorism Act have been ruled by the European Commission of Human Rights to be in breach of the European Convention.

Its finding that detentions of five days or more are an unacceptable infringement of the rights of suspects will be challenged by the Government.

Ministers have lodged a case with the European Court of Human Rights arguing that the seven-day detention powers, which have in any case to be renewed annually by the

British Parliament, are vital to the battle against terrorism.

The three suspects detained for seven days after the recent security incident involving Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, were held under the Act.

A defeat in the European Court could mean that the Government will once again have to introduce legislation to bring British law into line with the European convention, a practice about which ministers, especially the Prime Minister, are growing increasingly irritated.

## Prince launches youth job project

By John Clare Education Correspondent

The Prince of Wales returned to Tower Hamlets, in east London, yesterday for the third time in six months and admitted that he was getting to know the area rather well.

He toured Mulberry School, a girls comprehensive where 85 per cent of the 1,000 pupils are Muslims from Bangladesh.

He was launching the London Compact, a scheme under which leading local firms, guarantee jobs to youngsters who can show they have worked steadily during their last two years at school, attended regularly and met homework deadlines.

The immediate aim of the scheme, the first of its kind in Britain, was to persuade 50 firms to offer six jobs each a year, starting next summer, to youngsters from six schools in Tower Hamlets and Hackney.

So far, 18 firms have signed up and 25 more are said to have expressed interest. The Prince spent a good deal of time yesterday talking to representatives of companies still in the second category.

The compact is jointly sponsored by the Inner London Education Authority and the London Enterprise Agency, a charity working to involve the private sector in inner-city renewal.

Mr Neil Fletcher, the leader of the Prince, presented the Prince with two copies of the Ile folder in which children keep a school record, an appropriate gift for "the father of two inner London pupils", he said.

## Labour HQ staff will strike over jobs threat

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Labour Party staff are to strike next Tuesday in protest at the leadership's refusal to withdraw the threat of redundancies as part of its package to ease the party's financial crisis.

The national executive's decision to invite the staff to put their case at its meeting next Wednesday was described yesterday as "nowhere near enough" by the main unions inside the Walworth Road headquarters, south London.

The joint trade union committee, representing staff in the Transport and General Workers' Union, the clerical workers' union Apex, and the print workers' Sogat, told the party general secretary, Mr Larry Whitty, that it would be calling out all its members.

Other unions are expected to refuse to cross picket lines. Some 180 of the party's headquarters and regional staff are expected not to go to work, shutting the party down for a day.

The party management last night condemned the action as "unofficial, futile, counter-productive and negative".

A spokesman said the staff were refusing even to acknowledge that the party had financial difficulties, or to involve themselves in the negotiations about the restructuring.

He claimed that the staff were by no means united and that most of them supported the party's wish to improve efficiency.

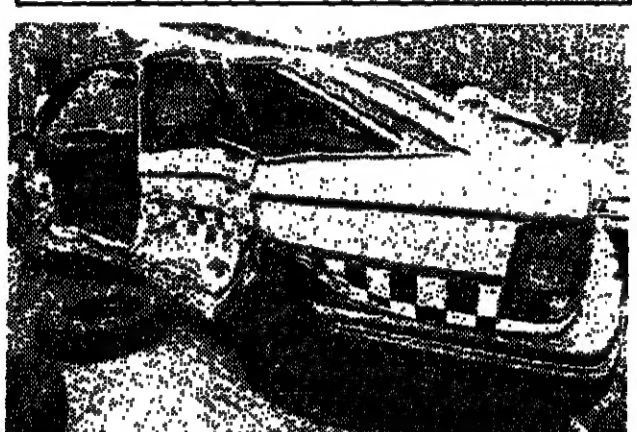
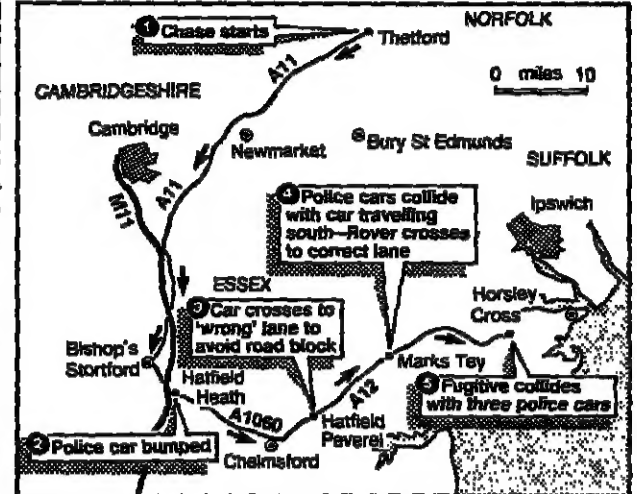
A bulletin from the unions to staff yesterday said they needed to ensure the NEC negotiated over the withdrawal of redundancies. The party is seeking the removal of about forty posts and the closure of Labour Weekly.

"The NEC needs to know it cannot treat our negotiators with contempt", the bulletin said.

Four union representatives will go before the NEC next Wednesday to call for a negotiated settlement without redundancies.

The unions threatened again yesterday that if the issue is unresolved they will take their campaign to the Brighton conference. But they are not aiming to disrupt the conference for fear of alienating the people whose support they need.

Staff on the party newspaper have prepared for the NEC an alternative budget showing that the paper is budgeted to cost £61,000 next year, compared with Mr Whitty's estimate of £135,000. They claim that the cost of closure will be £225,000.



The V8 Rover that police chased across five counties (top), the route the driver took, and a wrecked police car

## High-speed chase leaves five injured

By Michael Horsnell

Nine cars were wrecked in a 150-mile police chase yesterday which left five people injured and damage estimated at more than £120,000.

The wreckage included seven police cars which had failed to stop a runaway driver at speeds of up to 100mph.

Last night a man was being questioned at Colchester police station in Essex after stepping out of his 3.5 litre white Rover. He was pursued in all by 24 police cars.

A housewife was rescued unconscious by officers from her blazing car at Marks Tey, Essex, and taken to Colchester district hospital with four police officers injured in the same accident.

The two-hour chase began at 3am at Thetford, Norfolk.

He headed south along the A11 through Suffolk and south east Cambridgeshire into Essex before diverting into Hertfordshire at Bishop's Stortford and along the A1060 to Hatfield and Heath.

He raced the wrong way along a one-way system in Chelmsford at 70mph before emerging on the A12. At Hatfield Peverel police had used an articulated lorry to block the north-bound carriageway. He swerved into the southbound carriageway.

After the three police cars and the Ford Sierra collided he managed to rejoin the north-bound carriageway before reaching the A12 Colchester by-pass. He headed for Harwich and was sandwiched and crash-stopped by three police cars at Horsley Cross.

However, on the same day that her appointment was announced Mrs Braithwaite was told that the decision had been overturned because she breached the council's code of conduct.

The tribunal was told that Mrs Braithwaite's husband had received an anonymous threatening telephone call. Mrs Braithwaite, a member of the National Union of Teachers' national executive, failed to get the job when she was reinterviewed three months later in May last year. A white woman was eventually appointed.

Mrs Braithwaite is claiming that the council blocked her appointment on the grounds of racial discrimination and because she is an NUT member.

However, the second claim was quashed on the ground of insufficient evidence. The case continues.

## Ireland wants Sellafield shut

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Irish government is going to ask other EEC members to support its campaign to have the British nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield closed and for Britain to abandon its nuclear power programme.

Mr Ray Burke, the Irish energy minister, will make the plea at an informal meeting of European energy ministers in Copenhagen next week.

However, France, with more than fifty reactors, and Britain, which now produces more than 20 per cent of its electricity from nuclear stations, are expected to use their

veto to make sure that the matter is never raised formally.

Ireland yesterday attempted to step up pressure on Britain to close Sellafield.

However, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, who met Mr Burke yesterday, made it clear that the Government's policy on nuclear power will remain unchanged.

Mr Burke later admitted: "It would have been foolish to expect the British Govern-

ment to announce a change in its policy after my meeting today, but public opinion following the Chernobyl incident is moving against nuclear power".

Mr Burke said that he would use every opportunity to raise the issue of Sellafield, which he described as a "time-bomb" on the Irish Sea. He said that Britain should not underestimate the growing opposition to the plant in Ireland. "Only today I received 30 letters from people concerned about the Sellafield plant".

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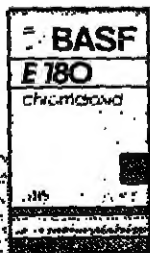
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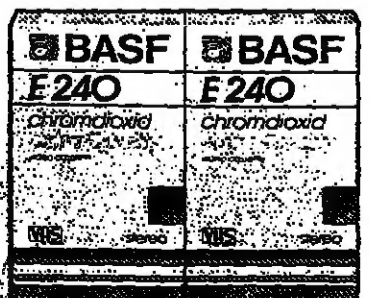
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## £1m claim on rail crash man

By Rodney Cowton Transport Correspondent

A van driver who was blamed for the level crossing crash at Lockington, North Humber-side, in which nine people died, could face compensation claims of more than £500,000 from British Rail.

Further claims by individuals who were involved, or who lost relatives in the accident, could bring the total up to £1 million.

The official inquiry into the accident in July last year concluded that a van driven by Mr Malcolm Ashley of Railway Cottages, Lockington, crossed flashing red lights and went into the path of a train too late for the driver to be able to avoid the crash.

British Rail said yesterday that it had incurred a big loss in the accident, and was considering whether to make a claim against Mr Ashley, who lost his foster son, Wayne Meinke, in the accident.

A spokesman said it would not be unusual for them to make such a claim. It is likely that any claim would be for more than £500,000.

It is understood that claims amounting to more than £500,000 have been lodged also by relatives of those killed, and by survivors.

Mr Ashley's insurer, the National Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Society, refused to comment yesterday.



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# Air engineers drop action after big new pay offer

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Air traffic engineers last night called off industrial action after studying details of a new pay offer which will raise their basic pay by up to 36 per cent in total this year.

The increases are bound to add significantly to airline costs and will force air fares higher.

The offer, which will be recommended to all 1,030 members in the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, is even bigger than that offered to air traffic controllers.

Some of it has already been paid and the rest takes immediate effect and is back-dated to April 1.

Under the proposals the pay of a new entrant will go up from just under £8,000 a year to about £9,000 and for a senior engineer from around £21,000 to £28,000. Allowances and special payments for shift work will be paid on top.

The air traffic controllers themselves have been offered basic pay increases averaging between 25 and 30 per cent but spread over three years.

The Civil Aviation Authority conceded the engineers' demands after they imposed an overtime ban and withdrew

goodwill. The engineers argued that much of the increase had already been paid under an agreement linking their pay to that of other Civil Servants and therefore could not be counted.

The aviation authority wants them to break that link and says the additional increases will only be paid if they agree.

The cost of the whole package to the authority will be £3.42 million a year. The pay bill for the engineers would rise overall by 29.9 per cent of which 20.7 per cent has already been paid to them from the Civil Service arrangements, the authority said.

The deal includes a highly complex set of changes to the working arrangements of the engineers involving a contractual obligation to work overtime rather than the present voluntary agreement.

The additional pay increases will add between 5½ and 15 per cent to the current pay of the engineers with, according to the authority, the majority earning an extra 12 per cent.

That, they say, will make

"the total increase for individuals between 12 per cent and 36 per cent".

The union said the new offer represented increases of 10.1 to 12.3 per cent, back-dated to April 1, on existing scales. It said the original offer had given increases of between 4 and 10 per cent.

Mr Bill Brett, institution assistant general secretary, said: "We have been given a substantially improved offer".

The union will now formally recommend acceptance of the offer to its members who are expected to agree.

Although the settlement is a big step forward there are still many hurdles to be overcome before Britain's entire air traffic control service can look forward to industrial peace.

Although many of the eight separate groups which are now being offered new pay and conditions have said they are prepared to accept, some are still opposed to any suggestion of breaking the link with the Civil Service pay structure.

A ballot of all staff is planned. The aviation authority has made it clear that the entire deal is off unless the link is severed.

## Discrimination law

# Tribunals fail on equality

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Industrial tribunals in England and Wales are heavily criticized today for failing to understand the law on equal pay and sex discrimination.

Ms Alice Leonard, deputy legal adviser of the Equal Opportunities Commission, says there is widespread ignorance and misunderstanding on tribunal panels.

She has produced a report, *Judging in Equality*, which is based on the first detailed study of every single case on equal pay and sex discrimination to come before an industrial tribunal over a three-year period.

Ms Leonard says she finds that many tribunals still make legal errors, several years after the laws came into force.

They often confuse the legal test for direct discrimination (whether a woman has been treated less favourably than a man would have been in a similar position) with the test for unfair dismissal, which they apply instead. That asks what the reasonable employer

would have done in the circumstances.

The book also exposes widespread inconsistency in decisions by tribunals partly because of their lack of expertise and training.

Sex and race discrimination cases account for fewer than 3 per cent of the tribunals' caseload in England and Wales. Ms Leonard says. The 215 tribunal hearings on equality cases that she studied between 1980 and 1982 were distributed among 116 different chairmen. Only seven chairmen heard more than one case a year.

With panel members, 379 of them were assigned to only one case each. Only five members sat on as many as one case a year.

Ms Leonard also found that many tribunals sat with no women members. In one year as many as one third of equal pay cases were decided by all male panels.

Yesterday Ms Leonard, who is urging a large number of

reforms to the system, said that her most recent statistics confirmed there had been no change. From September 1986 to the end of last month, 15 per cent of all equality cases before tribunals were dealt with by all-male panels.

Increased specialization and training among chairmen and panel members are among the reforms she recommends. Ms Leonard also calls for much more help to be given to women bringing claims by law centres, trade unions, and advice bureaux.

● The Manpower Services Commission has issued new guidelines to avoid discrimination in the Youth Training Scheme on grounds of race, sex or disability.

An equal opportunities code for organizations running YTS schemes urges them to ensure that all have equal access to recruitment procedures and training. *Judging in Equality* (The Cobden Trust; £9.95). Unfair tribunals, page 42

## Lasers to be tested on patients

Lasers may be used in a British hospital next year to treat two of the most deadly forms of cancer (Our Science Correspondent writes).

Researchers believe that laser-beam therapy may offer more hope to sufferers of cancer of the liver or pancreas, which are among the most difficult to treat.

A small number of patients with those forms of the disease will be offered the treatment next year at University College Hospital, London, where specialists in laser medicine have been working with scientists from Essex University.

Laboratory tests have shown that when laser beams are directed at tumours through an optic fibre, the energy released "cooks" the cancer cells until they are destroyed.

Dr. Phiroze Kapadia, a physicist at Essex University, said that cancer cells could be killed with little damage to healthy tissue.

Some of the work is being funded by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Department of Health and Social Security, but Dr Kapadia is appealing for an extra £320,000.



Jemma Hamilton, the first patient in Britain to survive a transplant with an adult liver cut down to fit a baby's body, is recovering with her parents, Andrew and Maria Hamilton (Craig Seton writes). The baby, aged 14 months, of Stoke-on-Trent, received the tailor-made organ during a seven-hour operation at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, six weeks ago.

The technique, pioneered in Belgium and possible because the liver has an artery and vein that can be split, offers hope to other children awaiting life-saving operations because of the shortage of children's livers. Jemma was dying when surgeons decided they could wait no longer for a child's liver and cut a donated adult one almost in half for the operation.

## Boost for Bard and Players

By Lynda Murdin, Arts Correspondent

Commercial sponsorship of the arts received a double boost in London yesterday, ensuring the survival of an orchestra and helping to fund an ambitious project to stage Shakespeare's entire Wars of the Roses cycle.

Sir Ralph Halpern, head of the Burton Group, announced that his company was to undertake its first arts sponsorship by committing £100,000 over two years to the London Mozart Players.

The money will fund the orchestra's forthcoming season at the South Bank Centre and enable Jane Glover, its artistic director, to pursue a policy of juxtaposing eighteenth century classics with contemporary works.

Sir Ralph said that it was important for companies to give meaningful backing to

three or four causes rather than diversify too much. "A company like ours receives hundreds of requests every day to support one charity or another and it is very difficult indeed to pick out causes that are more worthy than others", he said.

The Allied Irish Bank is believed to be increasing its sponsorship of the English Shakespeare Company, which is to present seven plays containing the Wars of the Roses cycle from Richard II through the Henrys to Richard III.

The ESC, founded by Michael Bogdanov, the director, and Michael Pennington, the actor, received sponsorship from the bank last year, when Henry IV Parts 1 and 2 and Henry V were staged. The bank is understood to have

increased its backing from £65,000 to more than £100,000 over two years.

The company, also funded by Ed and David Mirvish of the Old Vic and the Arts Council, plans to tour the Wars of the Roses in Britain and abroad, with a London season in February 1989. It will be the first time in more than twenty years that the plays have been mounted simultaneously and the first time they have been seen as a cycle outside Stratford-on-Avon.

● Churches and cathedrals throughout the country are to play host to concerts organised by the Arts Council's Contemporary Music Network.

The tour, by the Hilliard Ensemble, will visit 10 leading ecclesiastical venues.

## Prince Henry's first school day

By Alan Hamilton

Prince Henry, the younger son of the Prince and Princess of Wales who was three on Tuesday, went to school for the first time yesterday.

He was accompanied by his parents and by Prince William, who shepherded his younger brother like the veteran of such occasions that he is.

The royal car drew up outside Mrs Jane Mynors's kindergarten in Chepstow Villas, Notting Hill, west London, shortly after 9.45, watched by a mighty press of photographers corralled behind barriers.

Prince William got out first and smiled knowingly at the cameras. Prince Henry, stock close to his mother as he was led across the pavement to meeting the waiting Mrs Mynors, who crouched down to shake hands.

Prince Henry, bearing under his arm a small Thomas the Tank Engine sausage bag presumed to contain mid-morning refreshment, spent some time mesmerized by Mrs Mynors's shoes.

Then, prompted by his mother, he looked up and waved, briefly but enthusiastically, at the cameras. Prince William, having endured the same ritual two years ago, then grasped his brother by the shoulder and spun him towards the stairs.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, looking mildly anxious, and Prince William, looking perfectly confident, re-emerged five minutes later and sped off.

Prince Henry joined 11 other children in the youngest of the three classes. Known as the cygnets, he was given his own coat hook labelled "Harry" and a blue painting smock labelled "Prince Harry".

Two hours later Prince Henry reappeared accompanied by a detective and by his morning's work, a pair of binoculars made from two toilet roll centres.



Prince Henry getting photographers into his sights yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

## Watchdog wins more facts about gas prices

By John Spicer

The body which looks after Britain's gas users has won more information about British Gas's pricing policy.

Mr James McKinnon, director general of the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas), had threatened to take British Gas to the High Court if it did not give him enough information to prove that it was not overcharging.

The company at first said that he had enough information, as required under the Gas Act, 1986, and that he would get no more, but yesterday he announced that it had now replied to his satisfaction.

Mr McKinnon, whose challenge was the first from a body with the task of looking into the policy of a newly privatized company, had made it clear to Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, that he was not to be intimidated by the company, which makes more than £1 billion a year pre-tax profit.

His show of strength came after British Gas announced a cut in prices to domestic consumers of 4.5 per cent from July 1. Ofgas officials felt that they were being ignored and Mr McKinnon asked for more details about that reduction and future pricing policy, in the light of the fall in costs of North Sea gas.

Mr McKinnon said yesterday: "I am satisfied that the forecasts have been properly prepared on a consistent basis, under the terms of the authorization granted to the company to operate as the public gas supplier".

British Gas officials maintain that the affair arose merely from a misunderstanding between the company and Ofgas over each other's operations.

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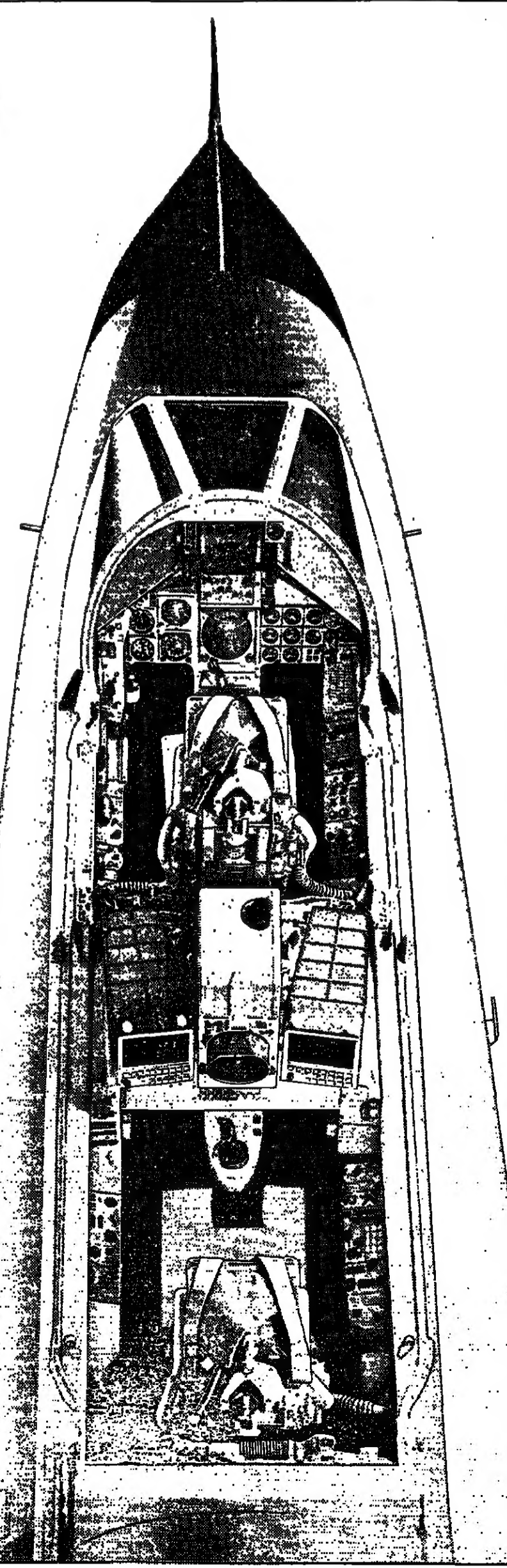
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# Two parties scrabbling for but a single name

By Robin Oakley  
Political Editor

When the Liberals and Social Democrats have finished calling Dr David Owen names they have got to settle on one for themselves. It is proving one of the thorniest of the problems confronting the merger negotiations.

The first snag is *amour propre*. The diehards in each party are determined that their history will be recognized by carrying on the name into the new organization.

At first, Mr David Steel was rash enough to suggest that he would be willing to agree to a new party name without the word "Liberal" in it. The Liberal president, Mr Des Wilson, anxious to persuade the SDP conference in Portsmouth that there was no question of takeover

and that Liberals too would be making sacrifices, talked of the "disappearance" of the word Liberal.

Such has been the reaction from Liberal activists and apparatchiks alike that Mr Steel now says that it would be a "great mistake" for the word Liberal to be dropped and that it must be somewhere in the title.

The Chief Whip, Mr David Alton, and the community policies "guru", Mr Tony Greaves, are united in saying that it would be unthinkable for the new party's title to do away with the key word.

Practical souls point out too that the word Liberal will be needed still to ensure that the new party benefits from the wills mouldering away in country solicitors' attics

naming the Liberal Party as a beneficiary.

Mr Roy Jenkins suggested early on that the Alliance would be a title. But other leading SDP figures backing the merger say that the title must also include the words "Social Democrat", not just to recognize their six years of effort as the Liberals recognize 110 years of history but also to deny that label to the breakaway Owenites. That, after all, was what much of the argument at the SDP conference was about.

They say also that the word Alliance ought to be there as an indication to the outside world that when they call themselves the Alliance they believed what they were saying. Let the Owenites adopt another name, they say, to demonstrate that it was they who

were practising a cynical deception on the electorate.

Mrs Shirley Williams would like to see the new party called the Alliance of Liberals and Social Democrats, the ALSD for short. But some leading Liberals question whether you can go on using the word Alliance when it is no longer a question of two parties working together but of a single fused entity. Grammarians presumably would agree.

Others fear that the word Alliance is too much associated with the election failure of this year and that a new party seeking to break new ground cannot afford that association. But Mrs Williams points to the Gallup poll this week showing that support for the Alliance has recovered already to 20 per cent of the national vote.

Other suggestions thrown up so far on the conference fringes include the Radical Party, the Progressive Party and, at Portsmouth, the Democrats. A letter to *Liberal News* even suggests the Whigs.

But the Radical Party sounds too much like a Thatcher speech, some say. The Progressive Party has a foreign touch about it, and the Democrats exist already in America. So what about the Liberal Democrats or the Democratic Liberals?

The first is ruled out by leading Liberals who say that Liberal Democrats are a right-wing bunch in Europe and such a title could lead to misunderstandings abroad. For the new party to be called the Democratic Liberals, they say,

would merely be a statement of the obvious.

The Liberals did in fact go through much of this debate before, both at the time Mr Dick Tavener had led the first social democratic breakaway from the Labour Party and when they were first hoping to attract Mr Jenkins into their ranks.

The title mooted then was the Liberal and Social Democratic Party, the LSDP for short. On the evidence in Harrogate this week that must be a narrow favourite. But a number of senior Liberals want that only as the "long title" of the new party, and hope that it will rapidly be abbreviated in common usage to "the Democrats". We shall see. There is a long way to go yet — even before they get around to the campaign colours to provide the background to that title.

## Hints of 'fat cat' help for Owen

Dr David Owen's "fat cat" supporters may enable him to outstep his opponents within the Alliance, a leading promoter activist conceded yesterday. (Our Political Correspondent writes.)

But without "blank cheques" from backers such as Mr David Sainsbury, the multi-millionaire director of the supermarket chain, the Owenites would be overwhelmed by the collective financial and numerical muscle of a new party forged from the SDP and the Liberals.

Mr Alec McGivran, the SDP's former national organizer, who is being tipped to take charge of Mr David Steel's private office, said that a new, merged party would have to give a much higher priority to fund-raising than the two separate parties had done in the past.

Predicting a membership of between 100,000 and 150,000, Mr McGivran said that a united Alliance would need an income of at least £1 million a year to enable it to compete with the two big parties and beat off the Owenite challenge.

He shrugged off the defection of the SDP's three-strong, fund-raising team to the anti-merger Campaign for Social Democracy, saying they could be replaced without difficulty.

## Regions have been failed

The Government had fundamentally failed the regions and its hostility and opposition to local enterprise was frustrating the nation, Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP for Gwent, told delegates. He successfully moved a motion urging that Liberal policy should include a radical redistribution of resources and power to enable local communities to address poverty, poor housing, unemployment, health, education and discrimination against disadvantaged groups.

## Commission on animals

A motion calling for radical improvements in animal welfare and for the Government to set up a commission on animal protection was passed overwhelmingly by the assembly.

Mr Basil Goldstone, of North West Norfolk, who moved the motion, said that an animal protection commission could take over from up to half a dozen different Government ministries.

## Plan for Scots

A Scottish parliament elected by proportional representation was demanded in a resolution carried without dissent. The resolution said that the parliament should have responsibility for all domestic affairs and services in Scotland.

## Aid for yards

A motion calling for government action to support the shipbuilding industry was carried on a show of hands. An amendment declaring that all ships built with EEC money should be built only in EEC yards, with all EEC countries having equal chances to tender, was rejected by 121 votes to 102.

## Youth rights

The assembly launched a campaign for rights and opportunities for young people as part of its Life Chance Campaign. It is organized by the Young Liberals, the Union of Liberal Students and the Association of Liberal Councillors.

## Business today

Today the assembly debates and votes on the merger motion, "Creating a Democratic Alternative". Earlier, there will be emergency debates on *Synthesizer*, the Gulf War and *Genetics*. The assembly commission report on the disabled will be presented and there will be motions on women in the Third World and on industrial policy.

## Liberal activists demand tougher merger stance

By Sheila Gunn  
Political Staff

Liberal activists are set to spur their colleagues today at their annual assembly in Harrogate into making tougher the resolution to approve the start of the negotiations with the Social Democrats on a new, merged party.

They attacked the resolution, to be voted on in today's crucial debate, for giving away too much ground to the SDP before the negotiations had even started.

However, most senior Liberals and SDP observers accepted the resolution. *Creating a Democratic Alternative*, which was unveiled yesterday by Lord Tordoff's team in the wake of Tuesday's debate, as a fair basis for opening negotiations for a merger. Mr Robert MacLennan, the SDP leader, welcomed it as "a very helpful start from the Liberal point of view to the input to the negotiations".

The preamble states that the new party should be founded on values and principles in both the Liberal Party's

constitution and the SDP's statement of principle, with the commitment to "individual freedom, social justice and responsible stewardship of the Earth and its resources".

The key constitutional features are:

- one member, one vote;
- national membership lists;
- a leader elected by all members;
- a representative assembly which will be the sovereign part of a democratic and accountable process of policy formulation and which will determine the policy of the party;
- a federal structure with a UK federal level of institutions which is distinct from the institutions of the parties in the nations and regions of Britain;
- a constituency basis of association; and
- the right of members having a common interest to organize in autonomous groups, with a defined procedure for recognition.

The most contentious issues in today's debate are likely to rest on who controls policy decisions and the power and rights of the party's interest groups, representing activists

such as councillors, youngsters and women.

The requirement for "a representative assembly" was welcomed by SDP members. But SDP observers yesterday predicted a fight during negotiations if the new party's assembly is given the absolute right to decide policy, as in the Labour Party, without a proviso for allowing a policy committee to refer back contentious policies, with last year's unilateral disarmament vote at Eastbourne in mind.

Attempts are also expected to be made today to give the assembly the right to a final say on any changes to the agreed constitution of the new merged party.

Amendments immediately came in yesterday from the Association of Liberal Councillors and, in particular, from Mr Tony Greaves, the veteran Liberal activist. But only a few are likely to be picked by the steering committee for debate today.

Mr Greaves described the resolution as it stands as "appalling".

"It completely fails to put forward a comprehensive Liberal view of what the new party should look like."

He looked forward to working with Mr David Steel. They had known each other for more than

20 years. For more than 10 he had seen that they were on converging political paths.

The Liberal and Social Democratic parties had just enjoyed a Napoleonic experience. Napoleon had taken 100 days to progress from a small, warm, comfortable, Mediterranean kingdom to a cold, miserable Atlantic island prison.

That was very nearly what their two parties had done during the 100 days since the election.

"It has been an exercise which has dismayed our many well-wishers while delighting our enemies. But that exercise was now over."

Negotiations would start shortly. There would be full

opportunity for input from members. That was crucial. It must be for the membership of the new party to decide the detail of policy issues.

They were addressing the potential membership of the new party which was wider than that of the two Alliance parties together. The identity of that great, new, national party would draw in a wider membership.

"So I do not favour the blank cheque approach to this new enterprise. Neither is it my desire to seek definitions and additions down to the last decimal point."

"There is a constructive concord between the two which will meet our needs, legitimate expectations of the public and the curiosity of the press."

As SDP leader he had as much a duty to respect the legitimate anxieties of the 43 per cent who voted in the SDP ballot for the non-merger option. His task was to serve a third force for the British people — effective because it was unified.

The new party must be open, decentralized and democratic (applause). Alone among British political parties, they stood ready to confirm their belief in one member, one vote.

The new party must carry with it the best of the SDP and the best of the Liberal Party. The creative spark from both was

new party would not, however, have to commit itself to a particular weapon system at this stage, so long as it did not exclude Trident, which by 1991 may be the only possible option.

Mr Steel would probably have no personal difficulty in putting his name to such a statement. But Social Democrats might reasonably wonder how far this reflected Liberal thinking.

There has been some change in Liberal attitudes. More of them are appreciating that by the time of the next election the Trident programme will be far advanced. All that will then be required will be to accept the deterrent that Britain has, rather than to approve a new generation of weapons.

But where Social Democrats are firm about the deterrent, most Liberals can muster no more than reluctant acquiescence. For that reason it might be wise for the Liberals to hold a separate ballot of their members on the statement.

That would show the Social Democrats that it carried more than Mr Steel's approval. It would also give Liberal members an opportunity to reject something they found really unacceptable, which might reduce the risk of a backlash later.

Whatever chance a new party may stand will be improved if intentions are made plain at this stage. It was therefore interesting that Mr MacLennan indicated that a new party should be anti-Labour as well as anti-Tory.

An electoral pact with Labour may seem tempting to some Liberals and some Social Democrats. But it is an illusion.

All that is about to change. As he told the assembly on Monday, he is stepping into "a remarkably hot seat at a

## EDUCATION Schools Bill 'a gerbil scheme'

The Government's education policy is destructive and divisive, and the Liberal Party would campaign against it, Mr Paddy Ashdown (right), MP for Yeovil and spokesman on education, said, in response to a resolution supported by several Liberal members of education authorities.

He said that they had known that the "Great Education Reform Bill" was a gerbil. Like a gerbil, it was small-minded, rat-like and would best be kept in a cage.

The Education Bill was not about reorganization of local government but part of the malign threat that had run through Tory policy recently: the destruction of local government.

Mr Greg Jeffries, Yeovil, chairman of Somerset County Schools Committee, moved the resolution, carried with none against, which condemned the Government's rejection of a consensus approach to education policy; its refusal to provide adequate funds within the state sector; and its clear intention to carry through reforms damaging to many children.

He said that some of the reforms proposed by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, were worthwhile, but many more were not. There was a case for a common core curriculum, but did it have to resemble the 1904 Education Act so closely?



## MacLennan approach pleases delegates

The leader of the SDP assured the assembly that it was for the membership of the new party to decide its policies and that he had no intention of seeking definitions and additions "down to the last decimal point".

Mr Robert MacLennan, drew warm applause when he said that the new party must be "open, decentralized and democratic", using a phrase similar to one in the motion on merger that will be voted on by the assembly today.

He was also applauded when he gave his view on a current Liberal controversy. He spoke slightly of the idea of "one leader, one veto".

At the start of his speech, he

assured delegates that, under his leadership, the SDP valued their friendship and now sought to make it one of united permanence.

He said that had been the clear desire of the recent SDP ballot and, from Tuesday's debate, it was the clear desire of their assembly. Most important of all, it was the clear desire of the electorate.

"Our task now, together, is to give practical effect to that overwhelming desire. I believe that we can and will achieve it. He was "determined and dedicated to that task. I mean to be a candid friend."

He looked forward to working with Mr David Steel. They had known each other for more than

The unique feature of this conference is that it is being conducted by one party, but directed at the members of another. Although it is a Liberal gathering, the true audience is the membership of the SDP.

Unless a very large majority of Social Democrats can be persuaded to join a new party the enterprise is likely to be doomed from the outset. If Dr Owen is able to keep the allegiance of a significant number of Social Democrats, the merged party will face a prospect of possibly prolonged guerrilla warfare.

It is this threat which made Mr Robert MacLennan's speech at Harrogate yesterday so important. As the new leader of the SDP he had to do much more than just endear himself to a Liberal audience.

He had to make absolutely clear not only that he would be negotiating positively, but also that would be required to win over Social Democrats. This means saying something more about policy before a new party is formed than could appropriately be included in its constitution.

There has been little doubt that such a statement would be published in good time — probably in the names of the two party leaders, perhaps with one or two others as well. But there had been a distinct possibility of another exercise in leadership by sleight of hand.

If this conference had ended without it being told directly that such a statement would be made, many Liberals might have felt cheated when it did come out. Most of them do not like the idea of proclaiming more than very general prin-



Geoffrey Smith

ciples before a new party is formed.

Yet if nothing more had been said this week, many Social Democrats might have wondered if such a statement would be forthcoming at all.

Mr MacLennan met this challenge head on. He and Mr David Steel would "seek to define the policy stance for the proposed new party", while leaving it to the membership of such a party "to debate and decide the detail of policy issues as they evolve".

That is the correct balance, so long as the initial statement is substantive enough. Mr MacLennan made plain that it would have to deal with Britain's nuclear defence, which is the litmus test for Social Democrats as to whether the Liberals have become sufficiently hard-headed.

What is needed is acceptance of the British nuclear deterrent, unless an international disarmament agreement makes it unnecessary. A

## Aids prejudice is condemned

A motion stating that the Government's response to Aids did not meet the present or potential needs of the people was carried unanimously.

Delegates, however, removed from the motion a reference to the needs of "high-risk groups" because of the fear of alienating some people and encouraging complacency among others.

The motion attacked discrimination and prejudice against those with the disease or the Aids virus. It called on the Government to institute all-party talks to develop a national strategy to combat Aids and sought compensation for victims infected with the HIV virus through blood transfusions.

Mr Alan Evans, Union of Liberal Students, moving the motion, said that persecution of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals was intolerable.

"There is no such thing as high-risk groups, only high-risk behaviour."

Among those who criticized the attitude of insurance companies was Miss Christina Baron, president, Women's Liberal Federation, who said that it was wrong to ask a man if he was homosexual because that had nothing to do with his chances of going on living.

Mr Peter Jackson, of the British Deaf Association, put his

message to the assembly through a deaf signer. He called for a campaign on health, education and advice for the deaf, the blind and other groups.

Mr Archie Kirkwood, MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, described Aids as the biggest public health challenge of the century for Britain. About 1,000 people had contracted the full syndrome and more than 500 had died.

He called for more Government money for care and accurate, tested Government information behind developments in the disease.

Dr Wendy Taylor, Newcastle Central, said that the problem was urgent. "But we must not panic. A lot of publicity so far has simply frightened people, such as the elderly, who are unlikely to catch Aids, and has brought forth the moralists and fanatics who believe Aids victims should be locked up or, preferably, burnt at the stake."

Dr James Walsh, Arundel, was applauded when he asked how long people who had been affected by blood transfusions would have to wait for the Government to compensate them.

Mr Jack Gilbert, Manchester, Gorton, told delegates: "The first victims of this disease are being made responsible for its very existence."

## THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

# Song-writer moves into a very hot seat

By Martin Fletcher  
Political Reporter

Hitherto Mr Adrian Slade, who becomes the new and probably last Liberal president tomorrow, has been renowned among fellow Liberals principally for the irreverent, satirical songs he composes for the party's conference revue each year.

The brother of Julian, creator of evergreen musicals such as *Salad Days*, he has inherited the same gift for putting words to music.

"David, oh David, what have you done? Playing at Liberals was once such fun! I have been fighting for PR since I was a boy! But I don't want to share it with Shirley and Roy!" he wrote when the Alliance was formed.

All that is about to change. As he told the assembly on Monday, he is stepping into "a remarkably hot seat at a

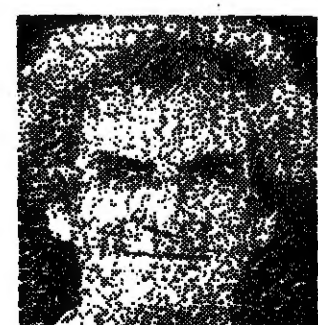
remarkably warm moment in our political history".

As party president and "guardian of the constitution" he will play a leading part in negotiations with the SDP over the proposed merger. He also sees a critical part of his job as being to keep rank-and-file Liberals informed on the progress of those talks and to carry them with him.

It is a role that will thrust him into the limelight as never before. It is also one for which he is eminently well suited.

He is a formidable communicator, being managing director of his own London advertising agency and a lifelong thespian (as a student he was president of the Cambridge Footlights).

He has few policy "hang-ups", preferring to emphasize Liberal "values", and has been untainted by past Liberal controversies such as the wrangles over nuclear defence



Mr Adrian Slade: "Guardian of the constitution"

and power. His sticking point is a strong belief in a decentralized constitution.

Mr Slade, married with a son and an actress daughter, is one of the many who joined the Liberals in the early 1960s out of admiration for Mr Jo Grimond and his vision of a retrained non-socialist left dedicated to the defeat of Toryism, privilege and the

dominance of class and wealth".

Though educated at Eton and Cambridge, he is deeply suspicious of the Establishment and has a strong dislike of what he describes as the arrogance of wealth.

He fought three general elections as a Liberal candidate in Putney, but scored his first electoral success in 1981 when, after two recounts, he became the GLC member for Richmond and the sole Liberal at County Hall.

Richmond Conservatives took him to court for alleged election expenses infringements. The case lasted for months. He lost over an overspend of £600 on little more than a technicality, but was faced with liability for a large proportion of legal costs totalling about £60,000.

He hired Drury Lane theatre one night, roped in well-wishers such as the Goodies,

David Frost and John Cleese, and staged an hilarious revue for friends and friends of friends which raised £15,000 towards his costs.

Meanwhile Mr Slade was making a name for himself at the GLC as one of the few opposition councillors capable of holding his own against Mr Livingstone.

That job ended when Mrs Thatcher disbanded the GLC. As he wistfully points out his new job as party president will now be abolished by merger, though, assuming that the negotiations go smoothly, he can expect to be rewarded with a prominent position in the new party.

His other consolation, he hopes, is to be allowed to keep the ageing copy of *The Arrogancia*, Milton's treatise on freeness of speech, which since 1946 every Liberal president has traditionally passed on to his successor.



## Sex abuse doctor convinced director that she was right

A doctor in the Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis convinced a social services chief and health officials that her controversial diagnoses were correct, a judicial inquiry was told yesterday.

The inquiry also heard that the rapid rise in the number of diagnoses was due to the doctor's "exceptional skills and talents".

Mr Mike Bishop, director of social services, described a meeting with Dr Marietta Higgs over her diagnoses which were being disputed by Cleveland police surgeons.

He said that during the meeting on June 1 "Dr Higgs convinced us her diagnoses were correct".

"She was very convincing and professional in her handling of our questioning. I won't say we were won over, but her arguments were very strong and there was no one in the room who could say Dr Higgs was wrong."

Mrs Sue Richardson, child abuse consultant, was also present.

Mrs Richardson and Dr Higgs were accused by Mr Stuart Bell, MP for Middlesbrough, in a Commons debate of "colluding and conspiring" to keep the police out of sexual abuse cases.

That claim was supported by Mr Christopher Payne, Cleveland Chief Constable, although strongly denied by the county council.

Mr Matthew Thorpe, QC, counsel to the inquiry, told Mr Bishop yesterday during cross examination that there was evidence that at a May 28 meeting "Mrs Richardson

A pornographic film about the fairy tale character Mother Goose led to a girl aged four being taken into care, a conference was told yesterday.

Professor Donald West, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Criminology at Cambridge University, said social workers decided that she must have been abused because of things she said and gestures she made. Later, however, they learnt that the girl had acquired her knowledge from the film, seen at a neighbour's house.

Professor West told the conference, held at Leicester by the British Psychological Society and Leicester and Birmingham universities, that the case showed what great care had to be taken to find out where children gained knowledge before removing them from their parents.

He said Dr Higgs' diagnoses couldn't be disputed.

Mr Bishop replied: "I believe Mrs Richardson will dispute that was ever said."

Mr Thorpe also pointed out there was evidence Mrs Richardson had said that second opinions could only be obtained from either Dr Jane Wynn or Dr Christopher Hobbs - two Leeds paediatricians known to have similar views on child abuse to Dr Higgs. Mr Bishop denied knowledge of that.

Referring to the split in opinion between Dr Higgs and the senior Cleveland police surgeon, Dr Alastair Irvine, over abuse diagnoses, Mr Bishop said: "My department cannot take sides between

different medical practitioners".

Asked whether he was aware of the strong position Dr Higgs took in abuse issues, Mr Bishop replied: "This was the first time significant numbers (of abuse cases) had been diagnosed in Cleveland. This was exceptional and this was due to Dr Higgs' exceptional skills and talents."

He said the first indication he had of the medical opinion split was on May 28 when Mrs Richardson reported to him after she had chaired a meeting to consider new guidelines for medical examinations.

A memo he signed the next day and sent to all staff, suggesting tighter arrangements relating to medical examinations to protect children from repeated examinations, was drafted by Mrs Richardson and the department's child care adviser, Mr John Hughes.

During further cross-examination, Mr Bishop criticized the part played in the controversy by the Rev Michael Wright, part-time priest in charge at St Cuthbert's Church, Middlesbrough.

Mr Wright has told how he provided pastoral care for parents upset about their children being taken into care after abuse diagnoses. He met Mr Bishop on June 22 to express concern about parents' rights.

Mr Bishop said he considered Mr Wright could not keep his emotions out of the issue.

He also said Mr Wright "had a track record of talking to the Press and was not a person I could trust".



Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia and Mr Desmond de Silva QC, who have announced their engagement. Princess Katarina is the daughter of Prince Tomislav of Yugoslavia and the Grand Duchess von Baden, a niece of

the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr de Silva, who is lord of the manor of Woolstone, Oxfordshire, and a City of London councillor, was called to the Bar in 1964. The couple are expected to marry later this year.

## Waterfront development

### £400m renewal plan to transform Edinburgh

By Kerry Gill

A £400 million urban renewal scheme for Edinburgh's waterfront was announced yesterday.

The regeneration of the waterfront of the Firth of Forth will cover 550 acres, including the reclamation of Wardie Bay, which lies between the ports of Granton and Leith.

The scheme, similar to those in London's Docklands, has been drawn up by Edinburgh Maritime Ltd, a joint venture between the Forth Ports Authority and the GA Group.

An application for outline planning permission, the biggest yet in Scotland, will be delivered to Edinburgh District Council today.

Mr Bill Thomson, the new company's chairman, said the scheme would take at least five years to complete. It would change the skyline of northern Edinburgh, regenerate the area and create about 8,000 jobs.

The ports authority and the

GA Group have spent the past two years drawing up plans for the waterfront. The aim is to provide an environment for high technology businesses, housing, recreation and shopping unequalled in any capital city, according to Mr Jim Gillespie, the development director.

He said: "It will provide an opportunity to attract major investment for the future prosperity of Edinburgh and Scotland, and create a superb environment in which people will wish to live, work and play."

The development, which has the blessing of the Scottish Development Agency, will run for three-and-a-half miles along the river.

Mr Thomson said no approaches to potential investors had yet been made but, once people saw the potential of the scheme, he was confident that the money would roll in.

"Once we have done the reclamation work, the success

and the funding will be self-generating. I would hope there would be competition to become involved", he said.

The first big job will be to infill Wardie Bay and provide the infrastructure and sea defences. That will cost about £50 million and financial aid from the Government and the EEC is expected.

The scheme will include housing for a cross-section of the population, a high tech business park, two hotels and extensive recreational activities, including inland lakes and waterways for sports.

It will incorporate a festival centre to show off Scotland's crafts, arts and food and drink produce and there will be a district shopping centre.

Mr Alan Dale, the agency's director of property development, said: "We welcome these proposals which have significance not only for Leith and the capital, but which must also be seen as a major development within an east of Scotland context."

## Date set for Hungerford inquest

The inquest into the deaths of Hungerford gunman Michael Ryan and 15 of his 16 victims is likely to take at least four days to complete.

Thames Valley Police said yesterday that the hearing will take place at a church hall in The Croft, Hungerford, and start on September 24.

New homes are to be built on the site of Ryan's home, which was destroyed by fire along with three neighbouring houses. The site was bulldozed last Friday.

The decision was made by

Newbury District Council's housing services committee and work is likely to start within months.

One of the houses flattened was the home of Kevin and Linda Drinkwater, who had bought it from the local council in November 1984. They have told the council they want to rebuild their home.

There will have to be a special allocation of council funds because no such project had been budgeted for.

In Dorset, an amnesty may

be offered to gun owners who have no licence, the county's chief constable said.

Mr Brian Weight has told his police committee that he has put a block on all new applications from gun clubs in the light of the Hungerford shootings.

He said: "Since the Secretary of State has announced he is examining firearms legislation, I have instructed that applications for semi-automatic weapons will be held in abeyance for the time being."

## Kent aims to replace CND head

By Martin Fletcher  
Political Reporter

Mr Bruce Kent is set to return to the helm of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in an attempt to revive its momentum.

Mr Paul Johns, the CND chairman since 1985, has been persuaded to step down. Members felt he had failed to make an impact in the media or impose a clear political direction, although he was a good administrator.

Mr Kent, former CND general secretary, resigned from the Roman Catholic ministry last February after criticism that his disarmament work was too overtly political.

He is said to be keen to return to the fray freed of past restrictions, and by Tuesday's deadline he was one of only two nominations for the election of chairman at the CND conference this November. The other is Ms Elena Lieven, a current vice-chairman. No one doubts Mr Kent will be elected.

Senior CND members believe that a dynamic and high profile leader is particularly needed in the wake of the expected agreement on intermediate range nuclear weapons and that Mr Kent is one of the few who can provide it.

CND membership has fallen to 84,000 from a peak of more than 100,000 two years ago.

## Party will question errant MP

Mr George Galloway, general secretary of War on Want and MP for Glasgow, Hillhead, is expected to face searching questions when he meets his constituency management committee on Monday.

Mr Galloway, who earlier this week admitted that he had slept with two women while attending a third world conference in Greece, will be asked to explain his conduct to the management committee of Hillhead Constituency Labour Party.

His confession came at a news conference held to clear the air over his handling of charity funds. Opponents within War on Want and the BBC have made allegations about financial irregularities. Mr Galloway is suing the BBC for £100,000 and the charity may also take legal action.

War on Want, whose auditor cleared Mr Galloway last year of acting either dishonestly, in bad faith or fraudulently, said yesterday that he had been treated despicably by some sections of the Press. "If he wasn't an MP there would not be this interest. We just want to see the end of it."

Mr Galloway is to stand down from his post as general secretary on September 26, the day before the next annual meeting of the charity. He is, however, expected to stand for a place on its council of management.

## Motor sports blamed for damage to woods

By Andrew Morgan

Motorcycles and other vehicles have damaged at least 130 sites of wildlife importance in Britain, according to a report from the Royal Society for Nature Conservation published yesterday.

The report, based on a survey by the Wiltshire Trust for Nature Conservation and the society, estimates that more than half the damaged areas were sites of special scientific interest, with grasslands and woodlands the most affected.

Some 47 local nature conservation trusts took part in the survey earlier this year and found extensive damage to vegetation, as well as erosion and disturbance to wildlife.

More than a quarter of the damaged sites were either in national parks or areas of

outstanding natural beauty.

Motorcycles, both unmodified and designed for scrambling, were found to be the main nuisance when ridden both in competitions or casually. But the report also records damage by four-wheel drive vehicles, tractors, cars and bicycles with low ground pressure tyres.

To protect the land, 55 sites had fences put up and ditches dug, but determined riders had managed to evade the barriers. The report discovered that many riders were unaware that damaged land was of special scientific interest, thinking it was merely derelict.

However, the survey urges groups organizing motor cycle rallies to liaise with conservation groups to highlight possible damage.

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# 40,000 premature deaths blamed on high unemployment

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Unemployment could cause the premature deaths of up to 40,000 people before the end of the century, including members of the families of those out of work, a medical researcher said yesterday.

The deaths will be from suicide, cancer, accidents, poisonings and violence, provoked by the impact of unemployment on mental and physical health, Dr Richard Smith said.

The evidence suggested that about 3,000 people without work were dying prematurely every year from those causes, and men without jobs were at 20 per cent more risk of suffering an early death, he said.

The claims are derived from studies by other researchers based on mortality figures produced by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, and from sample surveys of deaths among employed and unemployed in different regions, together with data on mortality among wives of men seeking work.

Dr Smith, assistant editor of the *British Medical Journal*, receives support for his predictions from the Archbishop of Liverpool and the

Bishop of Liverpool, in a foreword to his book, *Unemployment and Health: A Disaster and a Challenge*, published yesterday.

"Some of the extra deaths will occur not among the unemployed themselves but among their families", Dr Smith said.

"Recent research has shown that babies born into families with an unemployed breadwinner tend to be appreciably smaller, which must mean that divorce rates and child abuse are higher than the average."

He said that unemployment was "very destructive" of families, and was linked to high divorce rates and child abuse. It also produced poverty, stress, stigma, and unhealthy changes in lifestyle.

Those without jobs tended to smoke and drink more than those with jobs and to resort to drugs, and a number of recent studies by British researchers showed that the unemployed were more prone to suicide or attempted suicide, although the links were not always straightforward.

"It is 15 years since unemployment rose above a million in Britain for the first time since the Second World

War, and yet only now are health workers and health authorities beginning to wake up to the profound implications for health of mass unemployment", Dr Smith said in his book.

Yesterday, he added: "The unemployed are constantly being forgotten by those lucky enough to have jobs. The recent fall in the unemployment figures has encouraged this complacency."

The Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock, and the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said in their foreword to Dr Smith's book: "To take steps to reduce the effects of unemployment is to safeguard the health of the workforce of the nation."

"If, as is our belief, there is no foreseeable return to full employment of the conventional kind, politicians, economists, and social workers will have to work alongside medicine and, dare we say, the Church, to reduce the misery of unemployment and find alternatives to traditional employment."

*Unemployment and Health: A Disaster and a Challenge*, Dr Richard Smith (Oxford University Press, £4.95).



Mr Giacomo Ruffoni, the first man to be trained as a butler under a new job training scheme

## American finds his perfect butler

An American millionaire who wanted a butler like Hudson in the television series *Upstairs Downstairs* has found one with the help of a new government job-training scheme.

Dr Gerald Rolph said he wanted someone professional, loyal and discreet to work at Allerton Park, a Gothic revival castle near Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

Mr Giacomo Ruffoni, aged 42, who was an unemployed waiter, is the first butler in the country to be trained through the scheme, which offers employers the opportunity to train staff on their own premises. Mr Ruffoni had been out of work for eight months before starting the scheme.

Mr Ruffoni said: "It has put the sunshine back into my life. I was beginning to lose hope of ever working again."

Dr Rolph, who bought Allerton four years ago, had been hunting for a suitable butler for almost a year.

"But when I met Giacomo, I knew at once he had the stature of a butler. His natural flamboyance helps him to cope with the house, which is rather awe-inspiring."

## Men face third charge of murder

Two men accused of murdering Mr Frank Waters and his wife Kitty, in Saltdan, near Brighton, East Sussex, have also been charged with the murder of a woman aged 82 who lived near by.

Miss Geta Gimpleson, a retired doctor, of Linchmere Avenue, was thought to have died of a heart attack but the police reopened the case after finding the Waters's bodies.

Shaun Nicholas Cooke, aged 21, of Lustrelles Vale, Saltdan, and John Richard Cadman, aged 18, of Coombe Rise, Saltdan, were yesterday remanded in custody by Hove magistrates.

## Sisters killed

Pauline Clements, aged 15, and her sister Nicola, aged seven, died yesterday in a fire at their home in Ragmore Drive, Drumchapel, Glasgow. Their father, Mr Frederick Clements, broke two legs in a fall from the first floor and his wife, Katherine, was also hurt.

## Body forgotten

A still-born baby was left forgotten by pathologists in the mortuary at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, for six weeks after post-mortem examination consent forms went astray. Burial took place after the parents contacted their doctor.

## Shah banned

Mr Eddy Shah, the newspaper proprietor, has been fined £200 with £10 costs by magistrates at Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, for driving at 106mph on the M5. Shah pleaded guilty to speeding last June, was banned for a month and had his licence endorsed.

## Seminar off

A two-day seminar for business women has been cancelled by Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry because too many wanting to attend said bosses could not cope without them.

## Circus trick

The Labour-controlled city council in Sheffield is lifting a ban on circuses using its land to allow the Moscow State Circus to perform in the city next summer.

## Traders selling faulty goods 'must be fined'

Financial penalties should be imposed on businesses that ignore codes of practice or sell dangerous goods, the Government's consumer watchdog said yesterday.

"If you feel your opponent on the football field or throw a tantrum on the centre court, you can be fined and banned from playing. There are circumstances in which industry should be fined and banned from playing", Mr Michael Montague, National Consumer Council chairman, said. Penalties should be such that a mere threat compels firms to obey the code, he added.

He held a "dim view" of motor manufacturers and traders, funeral directors, dry cleaners and double glazing companies who had a code but seldom abided by it. He also condemned the lack of formal agreements for the recall of faulty or dangerous products.

## Long haul flights

## Passengers picking Schiphol

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

More than 170,000 British air passengers a year are now choosing Amsterdam's Schiphol airport as a departure point for long range international flights.

The cost of catching a commuter aircraft from a regional airport is usually absorbed in the overall price of a long haul ticket, making it quicker and often cheaper to fly to Amsterdam from regional cities in Britain rather than to travel to London and catch the train or coach to Heathrow or Gatwick.

The small independent airline Air UK alone ferried more than 60,000 passengers to Schiphol last year to catch foreign airline long haul flights. It is the largest user of Schiphol, with more than 180 aircraft movements a week during the summer, and the Dutch national carrier KLM was so impressed with its

ability to bring in passengers that it took a 15 per cent stake in the airline earlier this year.

A spokesman for Schiphol, which is delighted with its growing ability to poach British passengers, said: "It could be that they do not like the crowds at Heathrow or the fact that they have to change terminals between flights."

"It could also be that we have one of the cheapest duty free shops in the world. But, whatever the reason, it is a noticeable trend that more and more people, especially from the British regions, are now coming to Amsterdam to make their long haul connections."

Air UK has benefited to such an extent from the increase in passengers, up last year by around 30 per cent on the previous year, that it is spending £25 million on two

British Aerospace 100 seater 146 jets.

The first should begin service in December, primarily on the Heathrow to Guernsey service. When the second aircraft is delivered next year it is planned to use it on the Aberdeen-Edinburgh-Amsterdam route.

The decision by Air UK to buy the 146 has provided a much-needed boost to British Aerospace and could open the door for more sales of the super-quiet jet.

The company's other commuter airliner, the ATP, is struggling for orders in the face of fierce competition and cut price offers from rivals such as the French ATR 42. Mr Tom Saunders, British Aerospace executive director of sales, said yesterday that he was still optimistic that orders would flow in over the next few months.

## NHS moonlighters attacked

Patients who wait more than a year for hospital treatment should be compensated financially with the managers and doctors responsible being fined, a health expert said yesterday.

Mr John Yates, a health administrator for 20 years, claimed that some consultants "do not do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay".

He said that surgeons should declare their private work, and accused the medical profession of being the "only one that is allowed to moonlight at the expense of the employer".

Mr Yates sets out his ideas in a book on hospital waiting lists, published today.

Although some 700,000 people are waiting for hospital

treatment, he rejects the assumption that they are inevitably doomed to long delays, and has drawn up a seven-point plan.

The plan includes investigating health district "black spots", giving patients more information, and compensating those who have waited more than a year for treatment.

"Such payment could be made from the district health authority's budget, with no reimbursement from regional or DHSS (Department of Health and Social Security) funds."

"As an additional incentive to districts to put their own house in order, their senior staff could attract financial penalties for having long waiting lists."

Mr Yates, on secondment from the National Health Service as a research fellow at Birmingham University, also called for clarification of hospital consultants' contracts, claiming that surgeons were now "in a position where their failure to cope with an NHS workload can be financially advantageous".

He said a health inspectorate should also be set up to assess standards in different health districts.

But his ideas were attacked by the British Medical Association, which said they provided no more than a "superficial answer". One of the underlying reasons for long waiting lists was inadequate funding.

*Why Are We Waiting?*, J M Yates (Oxford University Press, £3.95).

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## Britain heads fight against high-tech international fraud

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A big assault is being mounted by the Government against fraud and other international crime. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-General, said yesterday.

Steps already taken included the Drug Trafficking Act, the Serious Fraud Office and the Criminal Justice Bill which would make it easier to obtain evidence from abroad, he told lawyers at the International Bar Association conference in London.

But there also needed to be international co-operation to combat sophisticated fraud using new technology, Sir Patrick said.

Countries needed to match the ability of fraudsters to switch money instantaneously around the world without regard for international boundaries.

"The fraudster feeds like a leech upon the technology of commerce", Sir Patrick said.

Technology had ensured that opportunities for the fraudster had never been so prolific or so tempting. "It has ensured that the task of defeat-

ing him has never been more difficult", he said.

A real act of will was needed if countries were to co-operate in investigating a fraud that operated only against foreign nationals in a foreign country.

"It is tempting when eking out a slender budget, to ask what public interest there can be in pursuing these villains when all the losers are foreigners, living overseas, all the evidence is abroad, and the time and expense needed to investigate the matter properly would be enormous", Sir Patrick said.

He added that Britain was no longer as insular as it had been. In the past it had been slow to sign mutual assistance treaties on criminal matters, but the lack of treaties had hampered British investigations.

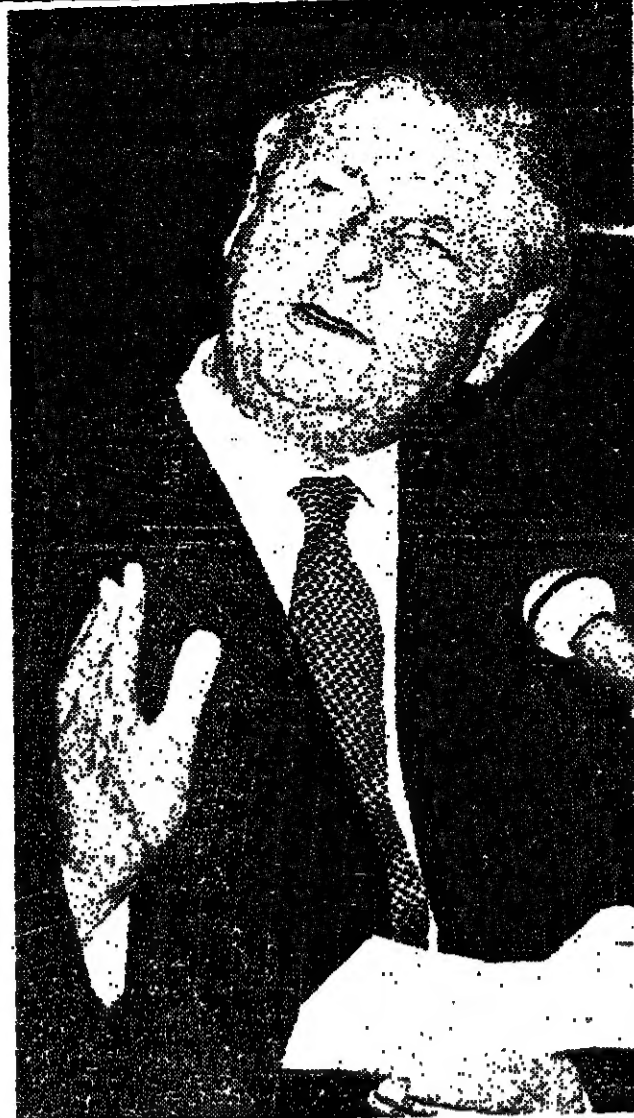
The Government had been looking closely at the rules of evidence and procedure which had been at the root of its difficulties. Changes in society and in the criminal justice system called for a "fresh evaluation of where the public interest lies".

There had been "splendid support" internationally for the drug trafficking laws and the United Kingdom had played a leading role in formulating the Commonwealth scheme for mutual assistance in criminal matters.

A memorandum of understanding had also been signed with the United States for the exchange of information about fraudulent activities in stock market dealings.

On the domestic front, a number of important reforms recommended by the Fraud Trials Committee under Lord Roskill were being implemented. The Government had already set up the Serious Fraud Office whose work under its own director would be supervised by the Attorney-General.

The office would have streamlined powers which would drastically reduce the difficulties of investigating and prosecuting serious frauds. The Criminal Justice Bill would make it easier to obtain evidence from abroad and allow witnesses abroad to give evidence in court via a live video link.



Sir Patrick Mayhew: "Fraudster is a leech on commerce".

## The insurance sting in Russia's space-rent tail

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Russians are ready to rent their Mir space station to anyone prepared to pay — but the small print of their space insurance policies in the event of loss or failure are not yet worked out.

Mr Mikhail Saifonov, deputy chairman of Ingosstrakh, the Soviet insurance company that underwrites deals in industrial and high technology goods between East and West, made the offer at the International Bar Association meeting in London yesterday.

His announcement revealed the extent of the ambitions of the recently formed commercial space agency, Glavkosmos, to seize a share of the business, worth £20,000 million over the next 10 to 15 years, for the launch of satellites and scientific experiments for Western or non-aligned countries.

He described the technical arrangements for international customers at the Baikonur Space Centre, where their spacecraft would be launched, as comparable with "those provided when using launch vehicles such as Ariane".

Ariane is the launch vehicle on which European hopes were riding this week with a successful take-off. Yet when Mr Saifonov extolled the virtues of Glavkosmos, the small

print of the space insurance policies of Ingosstrakh was still to be worked out. He promised preferential terms in the case of a failure and a relaunch.

He described four types of service on sale to the international commercial space market by Glavkosmos. They included the launch of satellites into any type of orbit and the delivery of manned or automatic payloads to the orbiting Mir space station.

The third service was also a surprise. The Russians will launch payloads in unmanned spacecraft for science and technology experiments to be monitored and controlled by Soviet radio channels from the ground. If needed, the equipment will be retrieved.

Hitherto, recovery of payloads from satellites has been restricted to military operations by both the Americans and the Russians. Photographic cassettes and tapes are ejected on command from spy-in-the-sky spacecraft.

Finally, Glavkosmos will contract to design and build commercial spacecraft.

The Soviet intentions overshadowed the terms of China's attempt to launch some of the backlog of satellites that have accumulated in the 20 months

since a previous successful space launch by Europe and America.

Nevertheless, Mr Wang Lu, the chief engineer of the China Great Wall Industry Corporation, offered competitive prices for the Long March family of rockets.

He described China as a developing country with limited manufacturing and launch capacity not in competition with the US or Europe. China's launch service is seen only as a supplement to the world launch service market.

Recognizing the strict controls imposed by Mr Reagan to prevent the transfer of sensitive high technology from West to East, Mr Lu emphasized that provision of launch services was quite distinct from technological transfer of satellite or rocket expertise.

"Owing to the cheaper labour force, the price of China's launch service must be more favourable than that in the international market", he said.

As with its Soviet counterpart, the People's Insurance Company of China, will place a sum of insurance cover on those launches and also seek support from the international reinsurance market.

## Astronaut says US left behind

The United States is lagging in the commercial business field, resting on its satellite successes, a former American astronaut told the conference.

Mr Joseph Allen, of Space Industries Inc, Houston, said US government policy for the past 15 years remained "one of just thinking about a joint business/government effort to sell 30-metre resolution images to potential users".

In the meantime, he said, the "impressive" French effort of Spot Image was selling ten-metre resolution images, and the Russians had entered the market with the recent Soyuzkarta to provide Earth photographs of five-metre resolution.

Other forms of commercial activity in outer space were beginning to follow. Space Industries Inc and Westinghouse Electric Corporation were finishing the design of a manned industrial space platform to provide a working pressurized volume, electrical power, cooling and other utilities in space.

It would be placed in Earth orbit by the space shuttle in 1991 to serve as a laboratory, test facility, and possibly as a manufacturing park in space. But it would viable only if continuing research suggested that unique products could be made in the microgravity of orbital flight.

Mr Allen added that this possibility had been forecast, and Japan and West Germany had invested large sums in basic research.

Commercial activities in space would grow, he said, posing a challenge to the law on a wide front: the laws of patents, on import/export regulations and on international trade.

## Legal call for cosmic arbitrator

A legal framework to settle disputes between the four countries in the Space Station programme was called for yesterday by Mr Edward Lee, QC, legal adviser and assistant deputy minister, Department of External Affairs, Canada.

He told lawyers at the conference that the planned Space Station, being built by Canada, the United States, Europe and Japan requires multi-lateral co-operation backed by a legal framework "unencumbered by territorial legal perceptions and fictions".

"It is essential that co-operation among the four agencies be subordinate to the inter-governmental co-operation expressed in one multi-lateral treaty."

If problems arose, differences of view between the parties were bound to occur. "There ought to be a mechanism to settle disagreements that may continue to exist following exchanges of views and consultations between close friends and partners."

He called for "compulsory arbitration" by which one partner could force another to arbitration if consultations failed to produce a solution.

The arbitration would be binding in that the partners would agree beforehand to abide by the decision of the tribunal. Canada had advocated such a mechanism both at the level between governments and inter-agencies.

Such a procedure was "crucial" because of the close co-operation of the four partners, the considerable investments they were making, the long-term duration of the Space Station programme and its technical complexity.

## Gun problem pales compared with US

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The problems of gun control in Britain were insignificant compared with those faced by police in the United States where about 270 million guns are in circulation, an American law official told the international police exhibition and conference in London yesterday.

Mr Philip McGuire, associate director for law enforcement at the Department of the Treasury in Washington, said that the number of guns in the US was increasing by five million a year.

Last year 875 American policemen were killed, of whom 809 died from gunshot wounds.

In London during the same period there were 196 murders of which 13, only 6 per cent, involved the use of guns.

## Ripper 'errors made'

The police chief who headed the investigation into the hunt for Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, admitted yesterday that important mistakes were made.

Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, said the official review into the five-year inquiry disclosed serious errors with the benefit of "the exact science of hindsight".

He told the conference that the Government and senior police officers "very properly" called into question the way the operation to track down

There were 51 deaths involving firearms throughout England and Wales compared with 30,000 in the United States where guns were used in 67 per cent of all homicides.

Mr McGuire, speaking during a debate on gun controls, was joined by Chief Supt Robert Wells, head of Scotland Yard's gun unit, who said that British police wanted to retain their tradition of not carrying guns.

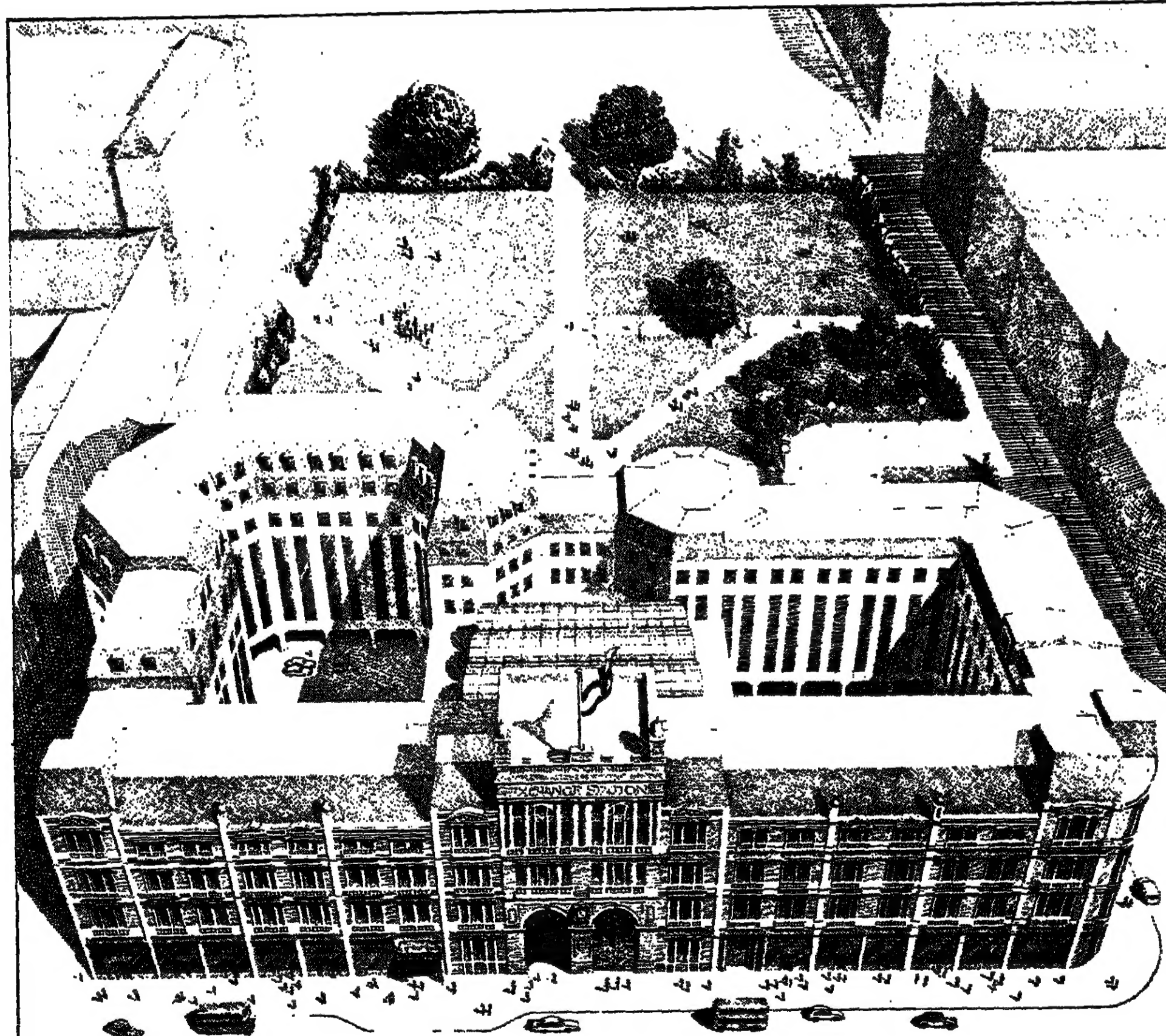
British policeman often found themselves in the worst possible position, trying to combine being ordinary policemen with the need to respond rapidly to an incident, but the use of guns by police in dealing with criminals was merely treating the symptoms and not the actual disease that affected society.

## Legal call for cosmic arbitrator

Sutcliffe was handled. Mr Sampson said that a search by computer, now a common feature of murder inquiries, would have captured Sutcliffe sooner.

"Critics were asking why in the 1970s had the police not got the use of a computer or some kind of technology?"

"It is simple, there wasn't one," Mr Sampson admitted. "The carding index system which occupied a whole floor of the main police station in Leeds, contained Sutcliffe's name 'not once, not twice, but nine times'."



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WORLD SUMMARY

## Boycott threat to Soviet Aids test

Moscow — The first 24 British students in Moscow have taken compulsory Soviet Aids tests amid indications that members of other categories of the large Western community threatened with mandatory tests may refuse to take them, even if allowed to bring their own disposable needles (Christopher Walker writes).

Two American correspondents and a British nanny questioned by *The Times* have all said that they will refuse on principle to take the tests. Under Soviet law all could face expulsion if they carry out their boycott.

While the British students, accompanied by a British embassy doctor and equipped with British disposable syringes, took their tests on Monday without complaint, students from other EEC countries are said to be less sanguine. Many are being advised not to take the tests until the Soviet authorities clarify the procedure, but the British Embassy medical adviser, Dr. Harold Lipman, said yesterday he had been happy with the procedures of a Soviet nurse in the Moscow clinic. "I was very impressed with their techniques," he said.

## Base falls to Kurds

Kurdish nationalists in northern Iraq say they have captured the Army's most northerly base, enabling them to "challenge seriously" the international highway and oil pipeline that link Iraq and Turkey (Hazhir Temourian writes).

Mr Massud Barzani, the leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq, said last night that the town of Kani Masi was overrun by 1,000 guerrillas on Monday. A government counter-offensive by land and air had failed to dislodge the rebels, who remained in control of the town and who had captured more than 400 officials, officers and soldiers. More than 500 others had been killed or wounded.

## Bride in fire death

Deorala, India (Reuter) — More than 200,000 Indians chanting "sati" (suffocation) defied a government ban yesterday to honour an 18-year-old bride burned to death on her husband's funeral pyre as she held his head in her lap.

Mrs Roop Kanwar, a bride of eight months, wore her brocade wedding sari for the self-immolation. It was seen as the final act of fidelity in ancient India but has been banned for centuries.

Officials refused to allow ceremonies at the site and arrested the bride's brother-in-law, who lit the pyre. But hundreds of thousands ignored the ban and thronged to the village in the western state of Rajasthan yesterday.

## Israel trims Pretoria tie

Jerusalem — The Israeli Cabinet yesterday accepted recommendations to reduce its cultural, scientific, sporting and trade relations with South Africa (Ian Murray writes). But the new package made no mention of cuts in Israeli military and strategic aid to South Africa, details of which have never been officially recognized.

VIENNA: Israel has said it is unlikely to return its Ambassador to Vienna as long as Dr Kurt Waldheim, allegedly involved in Nazi war crimes, remains President, an aide to Chancellor Vranitzky said (Reuter reports).

## Mauritius Treaty on republic

Port Louis (Reuter) — The newly-elected Government of Mauritius announced yesterday that it plans to make the Indian Ocean island a republic within the Commonwealth. Opening Parliament, the Governor-General, Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo, said that the Government was committed to democratic principles.

Political sources expect the constitutional change to take place this year, after broad agreement between the Prime Minister, Mr Anerood Jugnauth, and the leader of the Opposition, Mr Prem Nabsang.

## Treaty on aerosols

Montreal (AP) — The United States and the European Economic Community yesterday agreed here on moves towards protecting the Earth's ozone layer, which reduces the penetration of ultraviolet rays.

While the protocol is subject to formal approval by 46 nations at a UN-sponsored conference, delegates were confident that it would be signed. Once ratified, the pact would peg production and consumption of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are used in aerosols and refrigerators, at half of 1986 levels by 1990.

## Hurd escapes 'kidnap'

Vienna (Reuter) — The Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, played a hostage in a mock kidnapping staged yesterday by the Austrian police anti-terrorist unit. Mr Hurd, who arrived on Tuesday for a three-day visit, was captured by two "terrorists" at the unit training camp outside Vienna and was held with the British Ambassador, Mr Robert O'Neill.

They were "liberated unharmed" within seconds by heavily-armed members of the elite Cobra squad, who stormed through the windows and broke down the door, firing blank shots and throwing dummy grenades.

## Reform sparks unrest

## Secrecy lifted in Soviet pay strike

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A wages strike has become one of the first industrial disputes to be reported openly in the Soviet press. The protest action was provoked by the Kremlin's wage reform plans, which attempt to link the pay of Soviet workers to their performance.

The rare dispute took place in the provincial town of Chekhov, 45 miles south of Moscow, where all the drivers at the state-owned bus company went on strike in protest at the new wages system, which cut their pay if they failed to provide an adequate service to passengers.

A senior Western source said that the precedent-setting report of the strike was regarded as confirmation of recent rumours about growing unrest on the shop floor about the new pay structure. He recalled that on the few occasions previously when industrial unrest had been admitted it had usually been reported first by foreign journalists.

The Kremlin has stated repeatedly that a central plank of its sweeping reform programme is the improvement of the lamentable quality of many Soviet goods and services. In some factories workers have had their monthly pay cut by as much as 50 per cent.

The weekly *Moscow News*, a paper consistently in the vanguard of the *glasnost* campaign, reported yesterday that the bus drivers in Chekhov — a town of about 60,000 people — had left passengers stranded in protest at the new scheme, which guaranteed them good money only if they kept to

their schedules. The paper, which has been the target of bitter criticism from conservative opponents of *glasnost*, quoted one of the Soviet strikers, Mr Nikolai Komkov, as complaining: "How can we fulfil the plans when most of our buses look like tanks after a battle and their average age is the same as my grandmother's."

Moscow News reported that only 90 minutes after the strike began Communist Party officials arrived from Moscow to investigate the strikers' grievances.

The account, which took many Western observers by surprise, did not make clear when the Chekhov strike took place or how long it had lasted. Because of the secrecy which has traditionally surrounded reports of industrial unrest, diplomats have no reliable method of assessing the frequency of strikes, but it is considered to be very low.

One Moscow trade unionist explained: "Before the new reforms, there was really no point in men striking because all they got was disapproval from above with no chance of securing any changes. Under conditions of *perestroika* (pay for performance), people are thinking differently."

Western experts on the Soviet economy have predicted that the Kremlin risks provoking widespread public unrest both because of its altered wages policy and, more controversially, because of the demands for drastic reductions in state subsidies on basic goods now being made by Mr Gorbachev's closest advisers.

# Gun proves mightier than the pen in Lebanon

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Outside Mr Hassan Sabra's room in the intensive care unit of the American University hospital, a small gathering of Lebanese journalists had assembled. They were polite, soberly dressed in jackets and ties — looking more like businessmen than reporters.

They each signed their names in a large, leather-bound volume by the door, recording their horror at what had happened to the man lying in bed just down the corridor.

Mr Sabra is too ill to receive visitors, his jaw and throat still swathed in bandages. The bullets that cut into his face had been intended to kill and they had almost done their job, which may be why the men in the room next door were behaving as if they were at a funeral gathering, speaking in hushed voices, fearful of disturbing relatives. In fact, they were frightened for themselves.

Mr Sabra's plight, it should be said, was entirely predictable. He

had edited *Ash Shira'a* magazine with a blithe abandon for his personal safety, by turns enraging both the Israelis and the Palestinians in the aftermath of his one great scoop: the breaking of the American arms-for-Iran scandal. In an interview with *The Times*, he had publicly scoffed at the death threats made against him, less publicly keeping a Kalashnikov rifle on the seat of his car when he travelled.

It did him little good. When the gunmen came for him on Monday, firing at him from a motorcycle, he had no time to reach for his gun nor did his bodyguard — a bearded, suspicious man in an open-neck shirt who directed visitors to the hospital waiting room — have the opportunity to shoot back. Mr Sabra simply became another victim among the world's most vulnerable species of journalist, the Lebanese press.

In the past 12 years, Lebanese editors, publishers and reporters have been routinely killed in covering the war, deliberately threatened, kidnapped, tortured and assassinated. Self-censorship has become a way of life, editorial discretion exercised with a nicety that allows any kidnappers' statement to be printed with neither deletion nor comment.

Not many months ago, the night editor of one Beirut newspaper decided against publishing one such tract. Next day, he received a bomb in his mail, the wires disconnected. "Next time," a note attached to the device warned, "you will get a real present."

After each death or attempted murder — and there have been more than 30 fatalities — the powerless little Lebanese journalists' union calls a strike to protest at the attack upon their calling. Yesterday, the reporters' syndicate announced an immediate three-day press strike in Lebanon to express their anger at the attempt on Mr Sabra's life. It will do no good and will have no influence upon those who tried to kill him. Like other events in Lebanon, it is a convention whose only benefit is to recall the moral issues which no one

in Lebanon has yet proved powerful enough to confront.

It would, of course, be a little simple-minded to pretend that the endangered journalists of Beirut's 13 daily newspapers were merely victims of violent and undemocratic forces opposed to truth. Almost every paper is funded by a party or an outside Arab nation.

To work for *al-Haqiqa* or *Revel* is to align yourself, willingly or otherwise, with the left, the Shia or the Phalange. Mr Sabra himself maintained the closest of contacts with the Iranian faction which supports Ayatollah Montazeri, the man who is supposed to succeed Ayatollah Khomeini.

Yet the price which the Lebanese press have to pay for their right to publish has been a fearful one. When Mr Selim el-Lowzi, the publisher of *al-Hawadess* magazine was kidnapped in west Beirut in 1980, his friends said he had been taken because of his criticism of Syria and Libya. Two weeks later, his decomposing body was found in the

woods of Aramoun, his right hand — his writing hand — burned to the bone with acid.

Five months later, Mr Riad Taha, the head of the publishers' syndicate, was murdered. Mr Talal Salzman, the publisher of *al-Safir*, was shot and wounded in an assassination attempt. Killing journalists is also an old tradition.

Many of those who would — in any other country — find themselves on a journalists' "roll of honour" met their deaths in the painful, ordinary way so typical of the Lebanese war, shot on the Green Line that divides the city, cut down by shell-fire in a parking lot, burned alive and suffocated in a blazing printing works.

With only four Western correspondents still based in west Beirut — out of a foreign press corps of more than 150 only four years ago — a peculiar burden has fallen upon Lebanese journalists to be almost the only recorders of their own nation's suffering. It was probably inevitable that they would sometimes share the fate of their country.

## The superpower talks in Washington

# Bush senses 'historic' arms deal

From Michael Binyon, Washington

A mood of determined optimism marked the start of full plenary talks on the second day of Soviet-American negotiations here, as both sides studied intensive work by experts to resolve the remaining obstacles to an arms control agreement.

Vice-President Bush forecast yesterday that the US and the Soviet Union were on the verge of "something historic". And in an attempt to boost his presidential chances, he added on television: "I want to be the guy that carried that agenda forward around the world."

Mr Bush said he wanted to achieve a "follow-on nuclear arms agreement" to a treaty on intermediate-range nuclear forces.

Mr Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said at the end of the first day that he saw "greater understanding" towards an agreement, but "many issues remain".

He said that if specific results were achieved at the talks, there would be a summit meeting. A working group on arms control met until late in the night on Tuesday. The 12-member US delegation was led by Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's senior adviser on arms control, while the Soviet team, which was slightly smaller, was led by Mr Viktor Karpov, the top arms control adviser in Moscow.

The group met again yesterday, while both delegations discussed other arms issues such as nuclear testing, chemical weapons and nuclear non-proliferation.

Other working groups were set up, meanwhile, on issues such as human rights, regional conflicts and bilateral relations.

The two sides also discussed such thorny issues as the bugging of the new US Embassy in Moscow, which dampened the atmosphere at the last Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting in Moscow in April.

This time the atmosphere was far more cordial, and was improved by an informal cruise down the Potomac on Tuesday evening.

Mr Shultz and his wife hosted a reception for Mr and Mrs Shevardnadze aboard the yacht of the Chief of Naval Operations, and top officials on both sides also invited aboard, appeared to be in relaxed and almost effusive mood.

Officials on both the Soviet and US side say it is unlikely that a summit date can be agreed by the end of Mr Shevardnadze's talks here. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, did not suggest a date in the letter Mr Shevardnadze delivered to Mr Reagan on Tuesday.

A senior US official, however, said the letter, which was eight pages long, dealt with substantial issues and was "straightforward" and constructive on arms control. He added: "It's fair to say we're closer. The atmosphere is good for making progress."

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Mr Shevardnadze, right, enjoying a relaxing drink on the bow of a US Navy yacht with Mr Shultz during a break in the arms talks yesterday for a cruise down the Potomac river.

## Senator slips up again over second-hand speech

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Senator Joseph Biden has been caught again stealing someone else's lines.

This time the Delaware Democrat has borrowed liberally from the late Robert Kennedy, and people are beginning to shake their heads in disapproval. There is a growing feeling that for a presidential candidate to plagiarize once may be a mis-

fortune; to do so twice looks like carelessness. Senator Biden said last weekend that it was a simple oversight in forgetting to attribute some memorable lines during a speech in Iowa to Mr Neil Kinnock.

But politicians and rival candidates are now turning up other instances of Mr Biden's noted oratory which appear, on closer inspection, to be less than original.

His aides insist that borrow-

ing phrases from others is common in speechwriting. But, as in the case of Mr Kinnock's ancestors working in the coal mines, the circumstances do not always fit.

The revelations come, embarrassingly, as Senator Biden, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, leads the liberal attack on Judge Robert Bork's nomination for the nine-member Supreme Court. The senator is very much in the limelight during the tele-

vised Senate confirmation hearings, and has staked the success of his presidential campaign on his oratorical skill in outperforming the quick-witted judge.

Senator Biden's aides dismiss all the charges of plagiarism as a storm in a teacup. But some of his campaign literature and tapes highlight a speech in California with such memorable phrases as "few of us have the greatness to bend history itself".

It was equally memorable when offered by Senator Kennedy in an address at Fordham University in June 1967. And, unfortunately, there were some in the Californian audience who remembered having heard it the first time.

The Biden campaign team, visibly irritated, insists attribution was made in the distributed text. It also defends the borrowing in another speech from the late Hubert Humphrey.

The State Department announced that the office had been given 30 days to cease operations. For months the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, the most powerful of many pro-Israeli lobbying groups, has campaigned for its closure.

The decision came after a bitter struggle between the State Department, which originally opposed such a move, and congressmen who introduced a Bill to close the office.

The action does not affect the PLO's observer mission at the United Nations, which Jewish lobby groups also want closed.

east of Hasbaya, but the Israelis appear to have been slow in bringing up tanks and helicopter gunships for support. By early yesterday evening, however, tank fire was being laid down across a wide area of countryside, reportedly setting fire to fields and trees outside seven villages.

The DFLP gave no indication of their own casualties. But for the Israeli Army, which was officially supposed to have left Lebanon in 1985, the battle was a debacle. It appeared to have captured one guerrilla but took no other action against the Palestinians during the day, save for a series of low over-flights by fighter-bombers over the Palestinian camp at Ein el-Hilwe outside Sidon. They drew a flurry of anti-aircraft fire from PLO batteries around the camp.

The PLO is likely to claim that the battle was retaliation for the costly Israeli air raid on Ein el-Hilwe 12 days ago in which 49 people, at least 10 of them civilians, but mostly guerrillas, were killed.

## The Ariane space project

# Launch gives Europe a four-year lead

From Pearce Wright, Science Editor, Kourou, French Guiana

The successful launch of the Ariane 3 rocket from the Kourou space centre on Tuesday night means Ariane is now the only Western launcher available immediately for putting commercial and scientific satellites in orbit.

Although the American aerospace industry has restarted production of Titan and Delta launchers, they will be used mainly for the backlog of military satellites that have accumulated since the shuttle missions were grounded.

Dr Reinmar Lust, Director-General of the European Space Agency, says this has given Ariane an advantage until 1991, a fact that is reflected in an order book to launch 46 satellites worth £1.5 billion over the next five years on Ariane.

There was excitement and relief over the success of a re-designed Ariane vehicle. It

placed two communication satellites in orbit. One of them, ECS 4, was launched for the European Telecommunications Satellite organization. The new satellite is the third for Eutelsat to distribute television programmes across Europe, provide international business communication services and carry telephone traffic across all parts of the continent and Britain.

The second satellite, called Ausat K3, extends television broadcasting for Australia's main networks into any part of the country.

At least nine Ariane rockets will be launched each year until the end of 1991 following the success this week of the re-designed version of the European launcher.

M Frederic d'Allest, chairman of ArianeSpace, said yesterday the next mission would be on November 17, with

another in December. They will be the start of the launch of 46 satellites booked on Ariane over the next five years. They comprise 21 European customers for television, telecommunications, weather forecasting and scientific spacecraft; nine for United States customers; 10 for international organizations and six others.

Only two years ago the launch of two communication satellites would have been an event almost taken for granted. Then disaster struck the Western space programme, putting an abrupt halt to launches. This included the destruction of Ariane on May 31 last year when an upper-third stage cryogenic motor failed to ignite properly during launch.

The re-designed engine worked perfectly on Tuesday despite anxious moments caused by a fuel monitoring error six minutes before launch.

Dr Lust regards the next five years "as a breathing space" for intensive research and development to consolidate an "autonomous" European space technology. Details of the plan for Europe to be given to government officials this weekend fall into medium and long-term goals.

Development of a future generation of Ariane vehicle is high on the agenda. That is to capture the next wave of customers for satellite launch services, expected to be worth £10 billion for the decade to the year 2000.

Similarly, the next phase of earth observation spacecraft and experiments in micro-gravity will come under a project called Columbus which includes space platform that will link in the mid-

1990s with the American space station.

Dr Lust stressed that collaboration with the United States turned on a successful outcome of current negotiations. If Europe and America failed to reach satisfactory terms, an alternative version of Columbus was in hand to be conducted independently by Europe.

The most controversial element of the European Space Agency's plan is for Hermes, a re-usable manned space craft resembling a small shuttle, which is to be launched by an extended Ariane.

But with the Challenger accident still fresh in the mind of many space engineers, the wisdom of putting men in space to do jobs that can be performed automatically is under question.

## Pope rejects plea by US bishops for less conservative line

From Charles Bremner, Los Angeles

The Pope heard a politely-worded litany of dissent from his American bishops in Los Angeles yesterday but he made clear that the Vatican had no intention of softening its stance on sex, women and the need for obedience to Vatican authority.

The Pontiff met the 320 bishops at the San Fernando Mission for one of the most crucial sessions of his US tour after a first day in Los Angeles which ended with an open-air Mass. The extravaganza, attended by more than 100,000 in the City Coliseum, was more Cecil B. De Mille than church service.

Though the bishops and the Pope used prepared texts and couched their complaints with ecclesiastical

devotion, they aired all the issues that have driven so many American Catholics to reject the Pope's conservative teachings. The rebellion among the laity has been reflected by the clergy. About two-thirds of the bishops are relatively liberal men who were appointed before the Pope took office.

Archbishop Daniel Pileczky of Cincinnati talked of turmoil and crisis in the American church, one of the biggest and by far the richest in the world. Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco said: "We cannot fulfil our task simply by an uncritical application of solutions designed in past ages for problems which have qualitatively changed, or which did not exist in the past."

All four bishops who addressed the

Pope said that American Catholics were increasingly educated people who resented the demand for unquestioning obedience. They cited church teaching on sexuality and marriage and the continued relegation of women to an inferior role.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago told the Pope: "At times you are misunderstood; some allege that you do not understand the actual situation in which the Church finds herself in different parts of the world today."

In response, the Pope said that he appreciated the bishops' great problems but reminded them: "There can be but one loyalty — to the word of God perennially proclaimed in the Church entrusted to the episcopal college, with the Roman Pontiff as its

visible head and perpetual source of unity."

Switching from the gentle and conciliatory line he has taken since arriving in Miami a week ago, the Pope attacked the prevailing American notion that Catholics could reject aspects of Vatican teaching and stay loyal.

He also reiterated the Vatican's views on sex outside marriage and its policy of treating women as creatures with a different role in life that did not allow them to become priests.

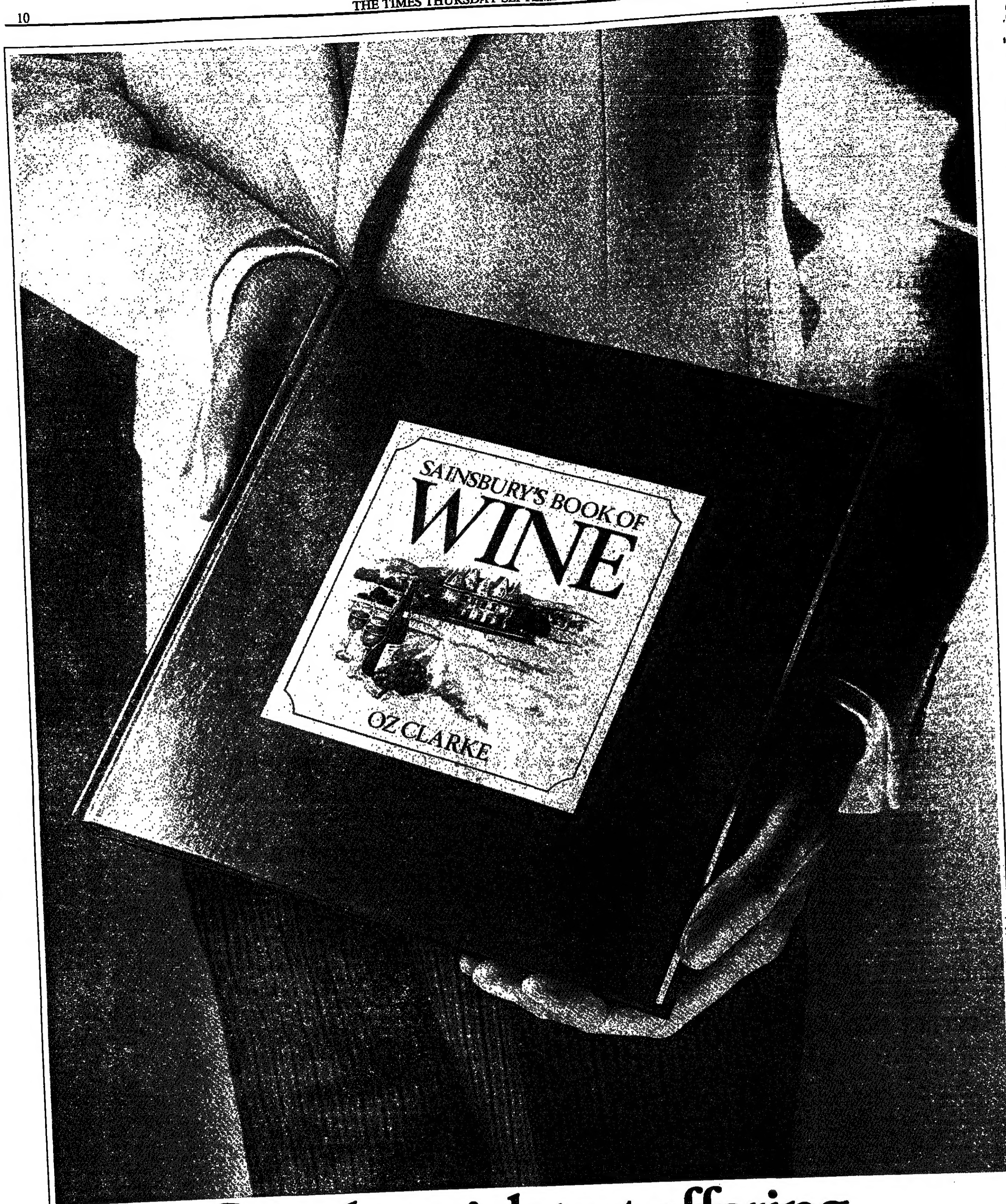
On homosexuality, an important topic during his California sojourn, the Pope called on bishops to explain the Church's teaching "which is by its nature unpopular". But he added: "They (homosexuals) are always

worthy of the Church's love and Christ's truth."

Undaunted by a punishing six days on the road through the Sunbelt states, the Pope was to spend the afternoon visiting a school with Mrs Nancy Reagan before holding an open-air Mass — at the Dodger Stadium — for different ethnic groups.

The Pope's skills as star and communicator have been winning high praise from the heads of the entertainment business. A bevy of studio directors emerged from his lecture to them on Tuesday with beaming faces, saying he had given them new understanding of their mission. The Pope warned the movie moguls to shun false values.





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# The bitter legacy of New Zealand's settlement

## Simmering Maori land protests come to the boil

From Richard Long, Wellington

Police with riot shields and batons smashed down barricades at the old town hall in the New Zealand city of Tauranga yesterday to arrest 22 Maoris demonstrating for the return of tribal lands.

The police action was the latest in a spate of incidents which are putting increasing pressure on Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, and his Labour Government to deal more urgently with grievances outstanding from the takeover of tribal lands by British settlers in the last century.

While the Tauranga incident yesterday was resolved without injury — the demonstrators knelt in prayer and did not resist arrest when escorted away to be charged with wilful protest — other incidents have been more

unsettling. Earlier this month, several Maori activists visited Fiji for talks with the leader of the coup there in May, Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, backing his "Fiji for the Fijians" action which ousted the democratically elected government and seeking his support for their cause in return.

Dr Pat Hohepa, a lecturer at Auckland University, and his girlfriend, Ms Atareta Poananga, who worked at the Foreign Ministry before being dismissed for her activist views, pledged to take their fight into the streets if necessary to reclaim New Zealand for the Maoris.

Mr Lange rejected their views as extremist and said they had little support, but he acknowledged that Maoridom

was becoming more vocal in its grievances.

The Prime Minister has also run into trouble with his own Maori MPs and the Labour Party's Maori Policy and Advisory Council, which has urged an expansion in the number of Maori constituencies from four to 10 to take account of the increasing Maori population.

About 12 per cent of New Zealanders regard themselves as Maori — 403,000 out of a total population of slightly more than three million. Under the New Zealand electoral system, Maori voters may choose whether to go on the roll for these four seats or on the general roll to vote in one of the other 93 constituencies. While this system has been criticized from abroad as separatist and racist, it was designed to maintain a specific Maori voice in Parliament, and most Maori elders wish to see the seats remain.

That in turn has created a further crisis as a Royal Commission on electoral reform has recommended that New Zealand should switch from its present first-past-the-post electoral system to a mixed-member proportional representation system, similar to that of West Germany.

Under this proposal, the Maori seats would be abolished — which has led to a

protest from Maoridom. The Government has promised a referendum on the proportional representation system within 18 months.

Ironically, many of Mr Lange's problems stem from the Government's attempts to direct the injustices of the past by adhering to the spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi, signed by the Crown and some Maori chiefs in 1840.

This pact has been described as one of the most enlightened doctrines conceived by an imperial power. The chiefs ceded sovereignty to the Crown in return for guaranteed ownership of their lands, forests and fisheries. The Crown was to be the only purchaser when this suited both parties.

But London's best intentions were overridden by pressure from land-hungry settlers. Some Maori owners were duped into selling their lands or bankrupted in the courts while trying to defend their rights. This first grab of land was followed by the Maori land wars as the tribes fought to retain their territories. Their inevitable defeat at the hands of British and Colonial troops resulted afterwards in an even bigger sequestration of land.

It is the legacy of these episodes which is now surfacing more than a century later. In 1975, the third Labour



Maori protesters discussing their grievances with police before yesterday's arrests at Tauranga town hall over land claims.

Government established the Waitangi Tribunal in a move to enshrine in law some of the principles behind the treaty.

Mr Lange's fourth Labour administration gave power to the tribunal to consider grievances dating back to the time of the treaty. The tribunal is now deluged with claims that some lawyers predict could take a century to clear. In the

meantime, the Government has been further embarrassed by an Appeal Court veto on the transfer of thousands of acres of Crown land to revamped, corporation-style government departments until it could be shown that this would not prejudice Maori land claims.

Mr Geoffrey Palmer, the Deputy Prime Minister and

Justice Minister, offered a substitute system under which the corporations could sell land as long as there was a provision for the Crown to buy it back if the Maori claim was successful.

The Maori Council, which brought the successful Appeal Court case, rejected this, pointing out that if the land were developed through a business it was inconceivable

that it would ever return to Maoridom. That basically was the argument in Tauranga yesterday, when the city council asked the police to remove Maori protesters from the old town hall.

Immediately the demonstrators were cleared, demolition work started on the building to make way for a multi-million pound civic centre.



Maori activists Ms Titewhai Harawira, left, Dr Pat Hohepa, centre, and Ms Atareta Poananga during their Fiji visit to seek support from the coup leader, Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka.

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## Aquino's deputy increases pressure

From Humphrey Hawkesley, Manila

The Vice-President of the Philippines, Mr Salvador Laurel, yesterday put the presidency of Mrs Aquino under further pressure by announcing that he no longer wants the portfolio of Foreign Minister.

Mr Laurel made the announcement only hours before Mrs Aquino went on nationwide television to detail the first of what is expected to be sweeping changes in her Cabinet after the abortive military coup last month. The entire Cabinet submitted courtesy resignations last week to give her a free hand to re-shape her administration.

Mr Laurel said he did not intend to join the opposition, but immediately criticized President Aquino for failing to deliver a clear-cut policy to combat the communist insurgency. "The leadership must demonstrate that it has the political will to terminate the insurgency problem," he said. "We must give the armed forces whatever is essential to win."

Mr Laurel, who makes no secret of his aspirations for the presidency, could prove a dangerous opponent to Mrs Aquino. After a tour of military camps last week, he is clearly trying to build a following among the troops.

In the campaign to overthrow President Marcos, they competed for the presidency and yesterday Mr Laurel accused Mrs Aquino of failing to keep a promise to let him run the Government if he allowed her to run for President.

Mrs Aquino was only able to decide on two ministers despite announcing at the weekend that she would name the entire Cabinet simultaneously. It indicates that she is in deep difficulty trying to put together a revitalized executive branch.

Mrs Aquino said she had accepted the resignation of the beleaguered Finance Minister, Mr Jaime Ongpin. He is being replaced by the Minister of Public Works, Mr Vincente Jaime.

## Anchorman under strain

## TV man's nerves worry America

From Charles Bremner, Los Angeles

The Pope's arrival has added fresh fuel to a question now troubling much of America's viewing public — is Dan Rather, bishop of the nation's news business, losing his marbles?

For months, there have been worrying signs that Mr Rather, whose job as the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) news "anchor" puts him second only to President Reagan as keeper of the national conscience, has been going a little dotty.

Now, he has committed the worst sin in the network news business. He left the screen blank for six long and expensive minutes.

Mr Rather, who earns some \$3 million (£1.8 million) a year, was in Miami at the end of last week to present the "flagship" evening news live from the site of the Pope's tour. When his bosses told him to delay the broadcast until the US Open tennis championship finished in New York, he stormed off the set saying nothing must interfere with the regular news schedule.

The embarrassing blank screen flashed on until the angry "anchor", who is also editor of the news, could be prevailed upon to get back to work. This week Mr Rather issued a statement saying he "would never even think of deliberately allowing the network to go black".

The incident comes after a string of bizarre actions by the man whose personality is meant to colour the news and sell the network.

These began a year ago when Mr Rather, who relates the day's events with a mixture of poetry and solemnity, was beaten up in the street in New York. His attackers, he said, had asked only one question: "What's the frequency, Kenneth?" The question assumed almost mystical overtones and became a national joke. For a start, it was assumed the attackers came from outer space. Nobody else would have failed to recognize Mr Rather.

Then there was the time he signed off the evening news

with the mysterious exhortation: "Courage."

In recent months, he made a suggestion at the Iran-Contra hearings, taken up later by the cartoonist Doonesbury, that Mr William Casey, the late Central Intelligence Agency Director, may not really have died.

When Charles Glass, the journalist kidnapped in Beirut, escaped from captivity last month, Mr Rather enraged colleagues by implying on his news broadcast that Mr Glass may never have been abducted.

Colleagues say Mr Rather is not disturbed, but simply feeling the strain from a slump in CBS ratings and the general network news business. Two



Dan Rather: a string of bizarre actions on screen.

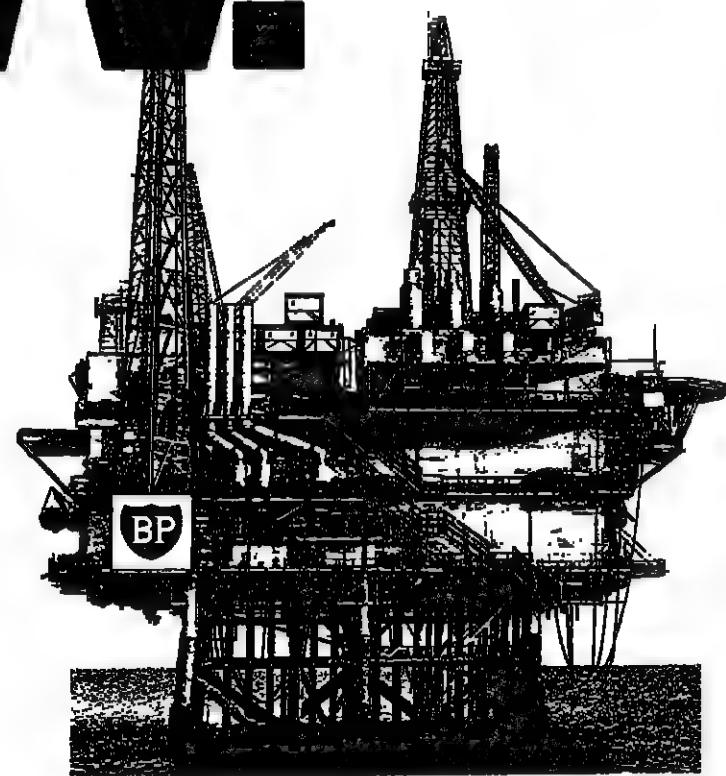
months ago he was told to brighten up his manner and project the news in a less solemn fashion. The network hoped this would bring him back into first place, past the rival royalty from the National Broadcasting and American Broadcasting Companies.

Times are hard for all the networks and CBS in particular. They are caught between improving local television reporting and a growing preference for quiz shows over the news. Mr Howard Stringer, chief of CBS news, has sacked dozens of staff in a drive to cut costs.

Mr Rather's troubles are prompting front-page newspaper stories. In the meantime, CBS is defending its star. On Monday, a senior executive reassured the country: "Dan Rather is not having a nervous breakdown."



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# The President's man-at-arms

## THE TIMES PROFILE

MAX KAMPELMAN

The Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* recently noted sarcastically that Max Kampelman was once president of the Friends of the National Zoo in Washington, and taunted America's chief arms negotiator with being a "friend of animals and an enemy of communists".

It is a description with which Kampelman does not quarrel. Indeed, for most of his life he has been bawling communists. Yet Kampelman is now all smiles and handshakes in his dealings with the Russians, for he is about to deliver to the Reagan administration its first arms control agreement with Moscow — a vital foreign policy achievement in the twilight of the presidency. The achievement is very much Kampelman's own. In many ways, he has been the perfect negotiator —

patient, cunning and unfailingly courteous. Last week it was confirmed that he is to become involved in attempting to negotiate peace in Central America.

Kampelman's toughness stems from a lifetime of standing firm for his principles. He was a pacifist conscientious objector during the Second World War, but accepted no easy way out. After working with mentally handicapped children, he volunteered as a human guinea pig in an experiment on starvation and rehabilita-

tion being conducted at the University of Minnesota. Although at one point during the 18-month experiment he was down to seven stone, he put his spare time to good use by concentrating on studies for his lawyer's degree and then enrolling in a graduate programme of political studies at the University of Minnesota.

The Jewish son of a New York hat-maker, Kampelman, now aged 66, had grown up in the Bronx. From his father he inherited an abiding sense of social justice. But he had to struggle to complete his education, working his way through university — in a bookshop, as a cloakroom attendant and a brush salesman. After graduating in 1940, he attended law school at night, spending his days with a law firm and as an organizer for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Like Ronald Reagan, he learned his anti-communism in union work. "They were anti-democratic," he has said. "That's all I saw in the communists... it could have been my reading, my professors, it could have been my training." At the same time he plunged deeper into Democratic Party politics when he became an aide to the young Hubert Humphrey, then the mayor of Minneapolis. When, in 1949, Humphrey became a senator, he took Kampelman to Washington with him, to work as a staff legal adviser. In 1954, with McCarthyism still holding sway, he helped Humphrey draft a bill that would have made membership of the Communist Party a crime. It was never passed but many liberals never forgave him.

Meanwhile, Kampelman's views were changing. "The development of the atomic and hydrogen bombs led me to doubt my earlier faith in the power of non-violence to overcome evil in international relations," he has said. In 1955 he joined the Marine Corps as a reservist and also left Humphrey's staff to enter a lucrative New York law firm where he represented people such as Golda Meir, and more recently Edwin Meese, the Attorney General. He was a well-known hawk on Vietnam, and in 1966 President Johnson named him a senior adviser to the US mission to the United Nations.

However his political activ-

ities remained closely linked to Humphrey, then vice-president. He helped organize his successful campaign for the Democratic nomination in 1968, and was again involved in Humphrey's unsuccessful bid for the nomination in 1972. But by that time his increasingly conservative views had alienated him from many liberals.

He became identified with the disaffected neo-conservatives and in 1976 he joined Reagan, then a Republican hopeful, in setting up the Committee on the Present Danger, which demanded a stiffer line towards the Soviets on arms control.

Public office came again in 1980 when he became ambassador at the Madrid follow-up to the Helsinki conference on European security. Kampelman was unsparing in his public attacks on Soviet human rights violations and their invasion of Afghanistan. He nevertheless negotiated skilfully and his patience paid off when the conference ended with a proper communiqué with which he expressed his satisfaction.

In 1984 he became a State Department adviser, travelling to El Salvador and acting as co-chairman of the US team, observing the presidential elections there. In January 1985 Reagan appointed him chief negotiator at the Geneva arms talks, when they resumed after a 15-month break.

Kampelman is as forceful in private as he is in public. He was initially embarrassed by the publication, a week after his appointment, of a newspaper article in which he publicly expressed pessimism on the prospects for arms control, doubting Soviet sincerity to negotiate genuinely verifiable agreements "because the Kremlin cheats". He also said: "We cannot hope to influence Soviet policy without great military strength, and military strength cannot be had without the support of public opinion." But despite the stalemate after the first six months of talks, Kampelman was persistent in pursuing every lead and responding to Soviet initiatives, which began coming thick and fast under Gorbachev.

Genial, balding, avuncular, he is clearly very pleased with the results so far. And Reagan is clearly pleased with him. Perhaps as a gesture of appreciation, the president has nominated Kampelman's wife, Marjorie, to be a member of an advisory board for radio broadcasting to Cuba.

Michael Binyon

Drugs and radiation can't distinguish between a cancerous cell and a healthy one.

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### ZOOLOGY

The recent death of two new-born baby panda cubs bred in captivity at Washington Zoo, USA highlights the plight of this species. So far no group of scientists has established a successful captive breeding programme and the number of pandas in the West is dwindling. In China, there are an unknown number in zoos but they have not yet been established as a self-sustaining population. Meanwhile, the situation in the wild is precarious. Although most people have heard of the "die-back" of the bamboo after flowering, some scientists think the continued loss of suitable habitat is the main problem. Andrew Loudon

### PUBLIC OPINION

Eight out of 10 top business executives recently surveyed by IFF Research supported greater public spending on transport and communications; more spending on urban renewal was supported by 34 per cent; state education, 26 per cent; health, 24 per cent; unemployment, 12 per cent; housing, 6 per cent; and defence, 2 per cent. Asked where the money would come from, most opted for a healthy economy (83 per cent) and privatization (81 per cent). The research did not indicate how they felt about raising the top tax rate. Robert Worrester

Andrew Loudon is a research fellow at the Institute of Zoology; Robert Worrester is chairman of MORI.

## CONCISE CROSSWORD No 1363

ACROSS:  
1 1500 Spanish fleet (6)  
4 Waist ruffle (6)  
9 Item (7)  
10 Speeded (5)  
11 Remove road (4)  
12 Subjugate forcefully (7)  
14 1784-1849 English landscapist (5,2,4)  
18 Samuel Johnson's companion (7)  
19 Purplish pink (4)  
22 Desogate (5)  
24 Fizzy powder (7)  
25 Warren's guard (6)  
26 At vessel's back (6)

DOWN:  
1 Black (4)  
2 Bishop's cap (5)  
3 Low-cut (9)  
5 Make mistake (3)  
6 Church book rest (7)  
7 Shy (6)  
8 Inferior (6-5)

11 Vitality (3)  
13 Impotent (9)  
15 Fifth Greek letter (7)  
16 Golf peg (3)  
17 On fire (6)  
20 Marten (5)  
21 Shock (4)  
23 Unions' body (1,1,1)

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## HEALTH

# Campaigning for a cure

Today Edwina Currie is in Finland  
hoping to learn how Britain can  
best prevent breast and cervical cancer.

Thomson Prentice spoke to our  
'first minister for women's health'

Edwina Currie arrived in Falun, a small Swedish town 100 miles north of Stockholm yesterday, and went straight to hospital — not for the good of her health, but for the potential benefit, she believes, of every woman in Britain.

Today, during a schedule which begins with an early morning sauna, she travels on to a remote corner of Finland, near the Russian border, in an attempt to bring home more Scandinavian lessons on how to enjoy a longer and healthier life.

Mrs Currie, who likes to be known as Britain's first minister for women's health, is hungry for achievements in that role. She has embarked on her offbeat tour because she knows that the Swedes and Finns are years ahead of the British in the prevention of breast cancer, cancer of the cervix and heart disease.

She also knows that Britain has some of the world's worst figures for deaths from these three scourges. Despite government pledges, progress towards prevention remains painfully slow, while criticisms from leading medical experts grow louder and more scathing. "We have a long way to go, and I am very unhappy with the statistics," she said before her departure. "Other countries have recognized their problems and taken steps to reduce them. I want to look at the Swedish and Finnish experiences and see what we can learn from them."

Every year about 24,000 women in Britain develop breast cancer and about two out of every three of these women die, producing an annual toll of about 15,000 deaths from the disease. The death rate is the highest in western Europe and North America, accounting for one fifth of all British female cancer fatalities. Advances in surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and hormone therapy have achieved only

modest increases in survival, largely because the effectiveness of treatment is linked to the stage at which the cancer is diagnosed. In about 8,000 women a year, by the time the tumour has been detected it is large and advanced. Diagnosis is too late.

Sweden began offering women routine screening by mammography — low-radiation X-rays — in 1975. Ten years later, in April 1985, Swedish researchers produced compelling evidence that such screening could reduce breast cancer mortality by about one-third in women aged 50 and over.

The studies showed that not only were lives being saved, early detection meant that medical treatment could be less aggressive. In about 60 per cent of cases, all that was needed was simple lump removal; only 28 per cent of patients needed a mastectomy. None required post-operative radiotherapy. The results were so impressive that within three months the British Government set up a working group, chaired by Professor Sir Patrick Forrest, to investigate how a similar system could be introduced in this country. The group's final report, at the beginning of this year, confirmed that there was a "convincing case" for mammography. In February the Government announced its intention to establish a national breast cancer screening programme for women over 50 years of age.

"But because it needs a great deal of planning, it won't be available generally until the early 1990s," Mrs Currie said. "We will be the first country in the world to have such a national programme. [She maintains that the Swedish screening system is not offered nationwide.] I want to see how the system is operating in Sweden, and what women there think of it."

She will also be finding out how the Swedes and Finns tackle prevention of cervical cancer. Although Britain is moving towards a computerized screening network, fewer than half the health authorities have yet installed the systems, which the Government intends should be ready by next March. Cancer of the cervix kills about 2,000 women a year in the United Kingdom, and twice as many develop the disease annually.

Cervical screening in Britain is described as a "sad travesty" by specialists. Scandinavian and other European countries have halved their death rates from the disease in recent years. More than three million smear tests a year now are carried out in the UK, but the



Unhappy with Britain's record on screening for women, Edwina Currie admits: "We have to do much better"

annual reduction in deaths has averaged only 1 or 2 per cent — "wretched, appalling and disgraceful figures", according to Dr Robert Yule, head of the biggest screening laboratory, at Christie's Hospital, Manchester.

"We have to do much better," Mrs Currie admits. "When the new system is fully operational, I believe we will start to see tremendous improvements."

She believes the Government's current "Look After Your Heart" publicity campaign will be effective. But Britain remains at the top of the world league for heart disease — a position which used to be occupied by Finland. Hence her visits today

and tomorrow to the province of North Karelia. Ten years ago, it was Finland's blackest of black spots, but a campaign aimed at changing diet and lifestyle has reduced deaths from heart disease by a third.

"They have produced a remarkable improvement, and I don't know how they've managed it," she said. "Whatever the Finns have done may not be totally applicable in Britain, but we have to see what other countries are doing. I'm not suggesting we have to lead a Scandinavian lifestyle or that we all have to start eating smorgasbord. But I hope I do come home with some ideas and some insights into how we can achieve better health."

While some women athletes are overweight, others are too thin, she says. "It can get to the point where they sacrifice muscle as well as body weight." The big problems she sees in women are calcium and iron deficiencies, leading to traumatic stress fractures, osteoporosis and menstrual problems.

"Diet will begin to play a more and more important part. We have come so far with physical and psychological assessments. To lose that extra one hundredth of a second, coaches will have to analyse what their athletes are eating. It is the fuel they take in that enables them to go out and perform."

Priscilla Welsh, who took up running at 35, is a living example of the rewards a close attention to diet can bring. This year, aged 42, she was the second woman to finish in the London Marathon in a British record time of two hours, 26 minutes and 51 seconds. "In my experience diet goes hand in hand with performance."

Her day starts with a brunch of oatmeal, raisins and banana. She snacks on rice cakes with sugar-free toppings, never drinks caffeine and ends the day with a salad. She eats meat twice a week.

Her husband David, a coach, is trying to change attitudes to food among athletes in Colorado, where they currently live. "The young athletes here all survive on a horrific diet of hamburgers and Coke," she says. "We are also trying to resurrect a few old runners who just do not appreciate the harm that a lot of sugar can do."

Ruth Gledhill

## MEDICAL BRIEFING

## Wages of sin

Aids is already affecting prostitutes' business (in some parts of London their charge has now dropped to the lowest price that venereologists and social workers can remember) and in Hamburg, perhaps the capital of prostitution in Europe, it is reported that the most avaricious prostitutes now demand that their clients wear condoms. But condoms only provide protection when made to the highest specifications and when correctly applied. Of a party of eight young men who recently went to Thailand, six had disasters with a reputable brand which is made to the highest specifications. All six agreed that they had no experience in using them.

previously. Many condoms are cut by sharp fingernails or rings on the fingers, but the most common cause of trouble is a failure to expel the air from inside the sheath so that a bubble forms between the skin and the latex, a very thin material which cannot withstand the uneven wear that this causes.

The best British condoms are very carefully manufactured: six people are employed in testing them to every one who makes them. They have to show a tensile strength which allows them to be elongated by a factor of 650 per cent, be able to withstand being blown up with 40 litres of air, and hold two bucketfuls of water.

## Better vision for old age



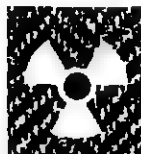
The development of cataracts, like greying hair or baldness, is one of the consequences of growing older. But today the surgical removal of the opaque lens, followed by an intraocular lens implant, the wearing of contact lenses or in some cases spectacles, are used to treat dimness of vision in old age.

A recent review in *Mims Magazine* by Hugh Williams on the present methods of treatment of cataracts, starts by dismissing two inaccurate myths still widely believed: that they are caused by a skin growing over the lens (in fact the lens becomes opaque); and that the lens has to ripen

before cataracts can be operated on (they can and should be treated as soon as they interfere with vision to such an extent that a patient's lifestyle has to be altered).

The part of the lens in which cataracts start will affect the time it takes to cause serious blurring of vision and when surgery will be needed. If the trouble begins around the periphery of the lens, the loss of vision will initially be minimal; but if it has a central origin, an operation will be needed early. A titanium needle, capable of vibrating at 40,000 cycles per second, is inserted into the eye where it can both fragment and later aspirate the diseased lens. Not all eyes are suitable for this method of surgery.

## Twweed passes the test



The lichens which used to be the source of the natural dyes which gave tweed its traditional colours have been thought of as a possible cause of unacceptable radiation hazards. Fortunately, Mr O.W. Purvis, research fellow at the British Museum and Reading University, has been able to reassure readers of the *British Medical Journal* that there is no risk. Although amateur dyers still use these lichens, commercial firms do not.

Lichens have no protective outer covering and are very susceptible to radiation. During the last 20 years, an unusually high level of radioactivity has been measured in lichens growing in Austria, Scandinavia, the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions. As yet, no work has been published on the effect of the Chernobyl disaster on the lichens in Cumbria and the west of Scotland, but the experts think it possible that radioactivity may not involve the lichen acids which form the basis of the dyeing process.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

## No stomach for victory

If British athletes are to make more of an impression than they did at the world championships in Rome they will have to look at what they eat.

Leading athletes and nutritionists believe that many of our top runners, swimmers and field athletes are underweight, overweight or surviving on junk food. "In an age when one hundredth of a second can mean the difference between failure and success, too little attention is being paid to diet," says professional nutritionist Jane Griffin.

Few British athletes have nutritionists. At the world championships in Rome, they received no specialist advice about what they should eat. Nutrition is not an essential part of the syllabus for coaching exams.

Liz Lynch who, despite a disappointing performance in Rome, is tipped as Britain's answer to the Norwegian runner Ingrid Kristiansen, says: "Diet is more important in my view than training. I have not had any special advice. I worked it out myself."

A new research project, due to be completed next year, highlights the problem.

"Nutrition is just one element of training — but if you get it wrong, it can really upset performance badly," says Christine Cross, 36, sports nutritionist in charge of a two-year nutrition research project

Does Britain's standing in international athletics reflect the attention our sportsmen and women pay to diet?



Medallist Fatima Whitbread: her diet is "carefully planned"

for the National Coaching Foundation, part of the Sports Council. Her research has already uncovered a lack of awareness about food values from amateur club level to the top professional coaches.

She finds it incredible that most British sports teams do not have a nutritionist. "The East Germans would not dream of going anywhere without one."

The diet of Fatima Whitbread, the javelin thrower who won Britain's only gold

medal at Rome, is remaining under wraps until the publication of her autobiography next Christmas. But according to Andrew Norman, promotions officer with the Amateur Athletics Association: "Fatima's diet is very carefully planned."

This, he says, is in contrast with many runners. "They all eat junk food. When I go to a meeting with them, they all dash off and eat hamburgers after their races."

Tom McNab, Olympic coach in track and field and technical consultant for the film *Chariots of Fire*, says: "Athletes do not pay much attention to what they eat. Many wonder why they should when people like Daley Thompson have done so well on a diet of mainly junk food."

He adds: "The dietary element in sport is definitely under-developed in this country in comparison with Eastern Bloc countries, where life is more regimented and diet is easier to monitor. There is a need for more study in this area."

Since starting her project Mrs Cross, who has a degree in food science and who is working with Peggy Wellington, a sports scientist from Southampton, has had many requests for advice from young amateur swimmers in the north of England, where her research has been conducted.

Most people, she says, think carbohydrates are unhealthy and eat sugary snacks for energy. "Athletes need bread and carbohydrate to build up the energy to train and create muscle. Yet so many people still think they need to eat

excessive amounts of protein to build up muscle."

Mrs Cross says that her research indicates many athletes use nutritional supplements, instead of concentrating on a balanced diet (that is, eating little and often, consuming a lot of carbohydrates and limited amounts of protein and fat and little or no sugar). Few athletes are aware that they should plan ahead, eat high carbohydrate snacks during the day and not binge or starve themselves to reach specific weight aims.

Jane Griffin, a freelance nutritionist who works mainly with amateur athletes in London and writes on diet for sports magazines, believes most British athletes eat the normal British diet. "And in general terms, there is a lot wrong with the British diet."

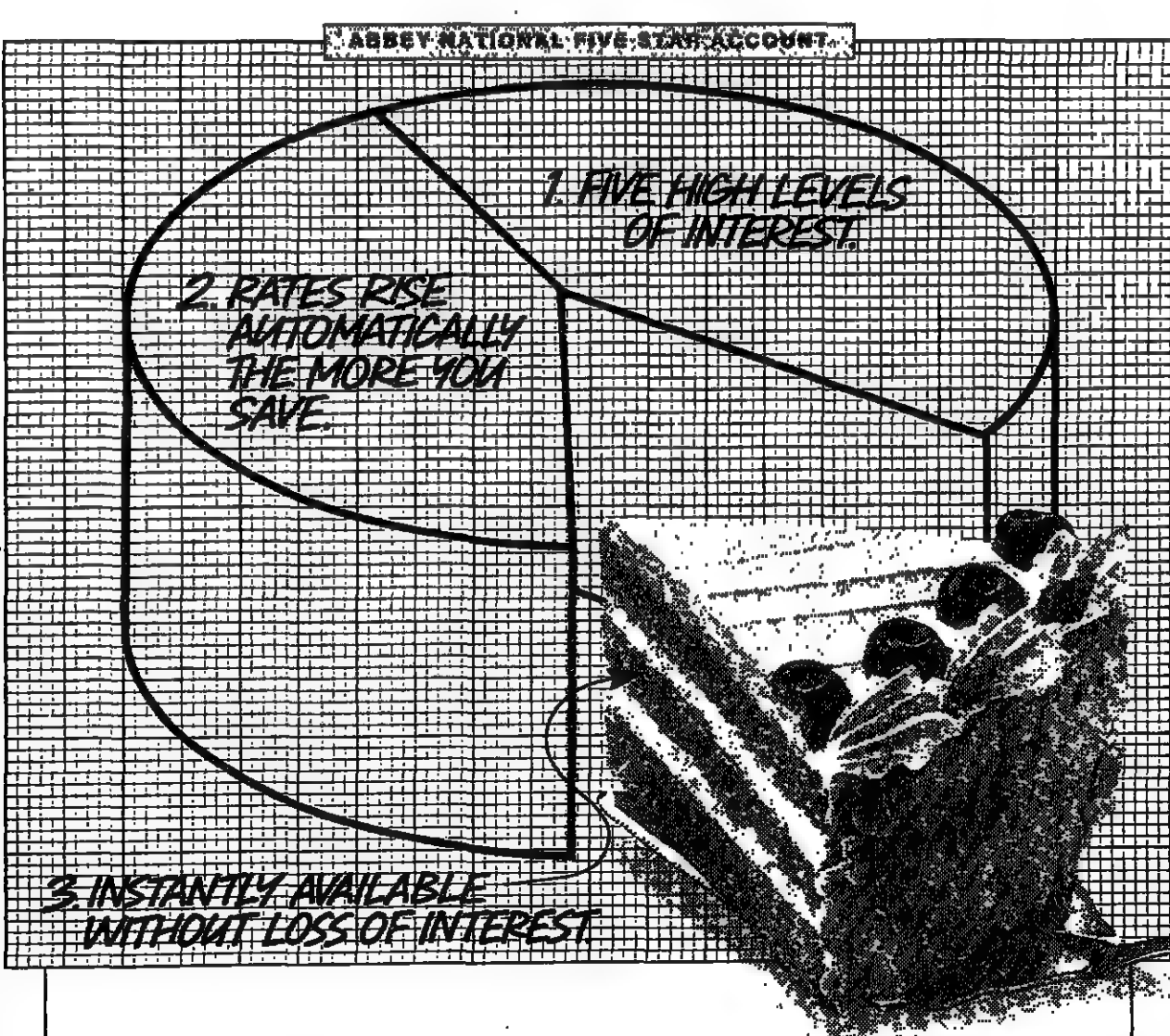
While some women athletes are overweight, others are too thin, she says. "It can get to the point where they sacrifice muscle as well as body weight." The big problems she sees in women are calcium and iron deficiencies, leading to traumatic stress fractures, osteoporosis and menstrual problems.

"Diet will begin to play a more and more important part. We have come so far with physical and psychological assessments. To lose that extra one hundredth of a second, coaches will have to analyse what their athletes are eating. It is the fuel they take in that enables them to go out and perform."

Priscilla Welsh, who took up running at 35, is a living example of the rewards a close attention to diet can bring. This year, aged 42, she was the second woman to finish in the London Marathon in a British record time of two hours, 26 minutes and 51 seconds. "In my experience diet goes hand in hand with performance."

Her day starts with a brunch of oatmeal, raisins and banana. She snacks on rice cakes with sugar-free toppings, never drinks caffeine and ends the day with a salad. She eats meat twice a week.

Her husband David, a coach, is trying to change attitudes to food among athletes in Colorado, where they currently live. "The young athletes here all survive on a horrific diet of hamburgers and Coke," she says. "We are also trying to resurrect a few old runners who just do not appreciate the harm that a lot of sugar can do."



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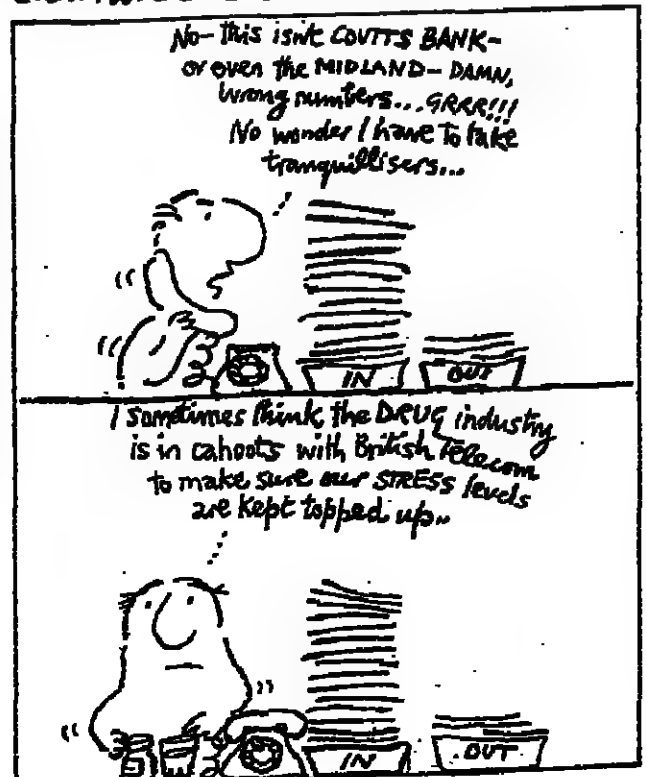
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### Merger ins and outs

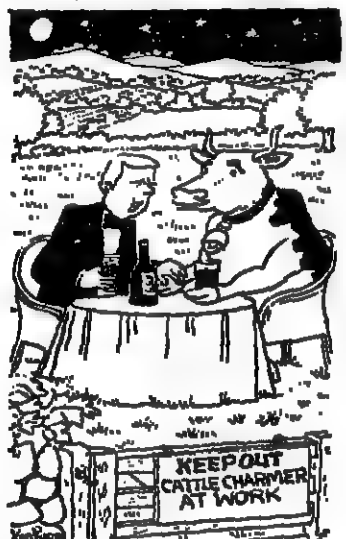
As David Owen's gang of three refuse MPs ensconce themselves in millionaire backer David Sainsbury's offices in Buckingham Gate, guess who has been forced to move out? The Owenite Campaign for Social Democracy's new base was occupied until last month by the pro-merger SDP vice-president, Bill Rodgers. He worked there as the salaried director of the Industrial Policy Association, a now mothballed decision-making think-tank backed by Sainsbury cash. He cleared his desk in the second floor office three weeks ago, apparently at his own request, after 18 months in the job. Sainsbury says the Owen rump with the trio of fund-raisers just poached from SDP headquarters will complete their move into the 15-deck office by next week. Rodgers calls the IPA "one of the victims of the present process". I like that word process.

### Craven images

The creators of *Spitting Image* yesterday boycotted the launch party for their board game, *The Game of Scandal*, after a row with Kenner Parker, the American manufacturer. Producer John Lloyd and puppeteer Fluck and Law had planned to grace the launch at a West End bar with a life-size caricature of Margaret Thatcher. Kenner Parker's lawyers, I am told, took one look at a draft of the speech that the Thatcher puppet was to deliver, were "shocked and horrified" and demanded that it should be watered down. After the *Spitting Image*ists refused to compromise, they withdrew from the launch. The firm had earlier scrapped plans to include plastic models of the Royal Family after threats by some retailers that they would not handle the game.

### Moogic

They have an uncanny way of saving on vets' bills down in the West Country. When your dairy herd develops something nasty, the best cure is a £2 advertisement in the local paper. Devon dairy farmer John Norton of Tipton St John, Sidmouth, has placed an ad in the *Western Morning News* reading "Wanted immediately,



someone to charm ringworm on cattle"; and he swears it works. "You never know who's done it, but after a while, all their hair starts growing back. Ring me in three weeks, and I'll tell 'ee if they're better..." Apparently it's bad luck to thank the charmer, or to pay for his secret services.

● Delirious Wood, the Labour candidate twice beaten by Rosie Barnes at Greenwith, spotted the doctored "Say Goodbye to Rosie Barnes" badges on sale at the Liberal conference while attending an ILEA reception in Harrogate. She bought one for herself and ordered a batch for her friends.

### In camera

I am reluctant to mention another public reading of *Spycatcher* but delegates at the Liberal assembly are looking forward to testing new legal ground. A motion on the reading of the banned book attracted more than half the votes in the ballot for emergency motions, to be debated today. And the proposer, Paul Nicholls, is adamant that, unlike NUJ general secretary Harry Conroy at the TUC last week, he will not be gagged — even if it means that the BBC live cameras covering the conference have to be turned off. He says the ban must be pushed to its limits, which are not clear. If he finds the law confusing, what hope is there for the rest of us? Paul Nicholls is a barrister on the Eastern circuit.

### Stringing along

Labour is having fun with the jargon surrounding the recondite business of candidate selection. With the one member-one vote option now commonly abbreviated to "Omvo", Dennis Skinner has responded by dubbing the electoral college plan — the one most likely to succeed at the Brighton conference later this month — the SMGT method. This stands for Some Members Get Two, a reference to the fact that some trade unionists will be able to vote once in the local party's trade union section and once as individual party members. So what to call the present system, in which the prospective candidate emerges from the charmed circle of the constituency's general management committee? The IASU method, perhaps — standing for It's A Stūch-Up?

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Barry Fantoni is on holiday.

# What Scargill really wants

by Sir Robert Haslam

Chairman, British Coal

The events of the last few days have made it clear that there is no justification for the National Union of Mineworkers to take industrial action over British Coal's code of conduct. After weeks of misrepresentation, its real aim has emerged: it wants to re-introduce into the disciplinary procedure binding arbitration in order to try to reinstate dismissed union activists.

It is astonishing that this recently revealed concern did not appear on the ballot paper sent to all NUM members a few weeks ago. All the other "draconian and vicious" issues which were raised, and confused so many people, have apparently been resolved or have faded into the background.

Under the coal industry's old arbitration system, dating back to 1948, a management dismissal decision was referred to a "pit umpire", usually a retired manager or union official. If the umpire's decision supported the dismissed man, he would be reinstated; if it went against him, the union would support him no further.

Since then, of course, the Union of Democratic Mineworkers has been established. And on this, as on many other issues, it takes an entirely opposing view to that of the NUM.

The UDM reserves the right to represent its members through industrial tribunals and subsequent appeal procedures. Since tribunals were established by Act of Parliament in the 1970s they have become the usual independent appeal system throughout

British industry. Coal mining is no exception.

The leading article in Tuesday's *Times* was based on the false premise that the UDM "seems to be forgotten". It is not forgotten in any way by British Coal. The UDM understands that disciplinary rules are a matter for the employer; it has "noted" our code but does not accept it. For weeks I have been urging the media to give due weight to the views of the UDM, whose members produce about a third of our entire coal output, but sadly, its views have largely been ignored.

British Coal thinks that industrial tribunals are the right mechanism for arbitration when dismissals are disputed. If the tribunal finds in favour of a dismissed man, the employer cannot be obliged to re-employ him, but has the option to pay compensation.

British Coal has offered more than the law requires of employers. When an industrial tribunal decides that a dismissed worker should continue to be employed, we provide similar employment at a suitable location of our nomination or, alternatively, at the mineworker's option, pay compensation in accordance with the tribunal's decision. What we will not do is to guarantee to re-employ a dismissed miner at his former colliery.

Mr Scargill, the NUM president, is more concerned about dismissed union activists than

any other issue and is raising the case of two men with highly disruptive records. It is not clear that the overtime ban is being called only on this pretext.

It has become fashionable for union militants to accuse managers of adopting "jackboot" or "Rambo" methods. With my long experience in the private sector, and more recently in British Steel, I can see no difference in management style. In any case, how could management style, basically uniform throughout British Coal, result in 80 per cent of all "rag-outs" taking place in Yorkshire?

Mr Scargill, who fervently preaches industrial action and class war, again distorted the truth when he said that the dispute would be designed to hurt British Coal but cause the least damage to its members. But there is no way that his members can be excluded from the damage.

He expects coal output to be cut by 20 per cent, and I reminded him that this would cost British Coal £10 million a week in sales and inevitably lose miners earnings of £4 million a week, an average of about £40 per man.

The vast majority of our people want to carry on working and earning. They know that prolonged industrial action would lead to further pit closures and job losses.

I reminded NUM leaders, yet again, that the coal industry is

currently operating in the most competitive situation it has ever faced, primarily from low-priced international coal imports. Customers have been very loyal because they appreciate the greatly improved performance we have achieved recently, with an increase in productivity and a reduction in costs.

Against this background, we need an industrial dispute like we need a hole in the head. I firmly believe that if we can maintain the momentum of improved performance, we shall succeed in preventing coal imports replacing a sizeable slice of our market.

All these issues, including the code of conduct, have been explained to our workforce and their families through our own effective information network, which includes newspapers and newsletters delivered to their homes and closed circuit television. The *Times* leader writer who referred to "incompetence in communicating" and "nudge and whisper" methods is hopelessly out of touch with our real situation, particularly as one major criticism levelled at us is that we have been far too open and precise in publicizing our revised code of conduct.

Cutting away all the rhetoric and emotion, the real, deep issue is simple: who is to manage the coal industry? Management will not tolerate continuing disruptive action. Our managers act in a responsible way and I made it clear this week to the NUM that British Coal will not compromise on this fundamental issue.

## Zbigniew Brzezinski suggests a follow-up to an INF agreement

# Next pull out the tanks



The winds of change are blowing in Europe. In both halves of the divided continent there is a growing political restlessness. In the heart of Europe, we can see a revival of the old concept of Mitteleuropa. Today, the average Czechoslovak, Hungarian or Pole openly professes that he feels closer to the typical Austrian, German or Frenchman than to his eastern neighbours.

At the same time, the leaders of the two superpowers are increasingly preoccupied with events outside Europe. It is clear that resuscitating the Soviet economy will be Gorbachev's principal priority in the years ahead, while the war in Afghanistan, now almost eight years old, is becoming an increasingly painful preoccupation. Meanwhile, American leaders will have to focus much of their attention on Central America. If the Soviet-Cuban presence in Nicaragua destabilizes the entire region the United States will be forced to retrench.

Thus the evolutionary process of historical change — both within Europe and the two superpowers — has begun to alter the geopolitical landscape of both halves of Europe. It is not surprising that these gradual changes are both inspiring fear within the Kremlin and prompting a defensive attitude on the part of the Muscovite empire. But we should not share that attitude.

A Europe which becomes gradually more independent is also likely to be a pluralist Europe. In Eastern Europe, communism is already finished as an ideology and as a motivating force. No one — in a practical sense literally no one — takes the ideas of communism seriously as a world view or as a guide to action. Communism as a motivating force is simply dead beyond resurrection.

Even the leaders of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union know that in every significant respect they are falling behind the West. Average per capita income of Eastern European countries is approximately half that of the major West European countries. In a word, the Eastern bloc is becoming a kind of "Soviet co-stagnation sphere".

None of that is lost on the peoples — or even the leaders — of Eastern Europe. What we are seeing there today is the advanced stages of a process of organic rejection by the East European cultures and societies of a system and an ideology artificially transplanted to their countries after the Second World War. That system was created on the basis of a historical model that was derived

from the Russian experience and that was altogether inimical to the psychology, culture and history of the East Europeans. As such, it has no historical staying power.

Just as significant, a corresponding process is beginning to appear in the Soviet Union itself. The Russian past is asserting itself over the Soviet present. Wait until next year! Soviet Russia will be celebrating the 1000th anniversary of the birth of Russian Orthodoxy. With Soviet communism increasingly moribund as an ideology, one can expect outbreaks of Russian patriotic fervour and even strong demonstrations of renewed Russian Orthodox faith.

The West must make systematic efforts to find ways to mitigate the importance of the military dimension of the East-West conflict. In doing so, we must recognize one fundamental fact: the Soviet threat is real. The Warsaw Pact does pose an offensive threat to Western Europe. It is not an accident, after all, that the Warsaw Pact holds all of its exercises in an offensive mode.

We must make it our collective intent to adopt a strategy and a military posture which offsets that of the Warsaw Pact, while encouraging positive conditions for the political change that we favour. That requires several concrete steps.

It is now inevitable that some reallocation of resources and forces will have to take place.

especially since the US defence budget will certainly shrink. Surely 374 million Europeans with an aggregate economy of \$3.5 trillion should not need to depend for their defence as heavily as they do on 241 million Americans with an income of \$4 trillion against an opponent with 275 million people and a GNP of only \$1.9 trillion.

Thus, a greater European defence effort will be necessary. Fortunately, contrary to the doomsayers in the United States who have argued that any discussion of a possible reallocation of US forces would immediately precipitate a massive stampede in Europe toward neutralism, Europeans have responsibly taken up the question and have started discussing how to strengthen their collective defence effort.

We also need to work towards using arms control negotiations to create an overall political and strategic environment which will encourage positive historical change. After the expected INF agreement, any future proposals for reducing the number of battlefield nuclear weapons must be linked with proposals for reducing conventional forces. The threat of Soviet conventional forces, after all, was the reason NATO deployed its nuclear forces. It is therefore imperative that if we negotiate on one, we insist on concomitant progress on the other.

It is widely recognized that the greatest offensive conventional threat is the Soviet preponderance in main battle tanks. The tank continues to be the weapon most suitable for use in massed offensive formations. Further Western arms control proposals, particularly if they are to address the issue of battlefield nuclear weapons, must focus on that threat.

For example, the West could propose a 50 per cent reduction in the number of main battle tanks. Better still, this could be part of a larger plan to create a "tank-free zone" in Central Europe. This zone might include West Germany and Benelux on the NATO side and East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary on the Warsaw Pact side. It would require heightened NATO military co-operation with France, for Western tanks withdrawn from Germany would have to be stationed either there or in Britain.

One might, of course, say that Moscow would never accept such a plan. But three points should be borne in mind. First, a tank-free zone in Central Europe would be a useful political initiative, even if Moscow reacts negatively. It would blunt the Soviet efforts to denude Western Europe and to promote a nuclear-free zone because it would focus Western public opinion on the real issue that deserves high attention.

Second, it was also said in the West that the Soviets would never accept the zero-zero INF option — and yet eventually Moscow did. Third, the recent Jaruzelski conventional arms reduction proposals clearly hint at the possibility of focusing on tanks as a specially destabilizing conventional weapon. In brief, if the idea has merit, we should not be deterred from proposing it simply because we fear an initial rebuff.

The consequences of a central European tank-free zone would be heightened stability and security. Warsaw Pact countries, particularly the Soviet Union, would have to pull back more tanks further than would NATO. Furthermore, the pull-out of Soviet tanks from Eastern Europe would assist progressive peaceful change, as should be clear to anyone in the West who knows how tanks figured in the events of 1953, 1956, 1968 and 1981. Thus the overall security for the NATO states on the central front would be increased, while the prospects for desirable political change would also be enhanced.

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The truth is that Penguin knows that Beatrice Potter will come out of copyright for good in 1993, and it also knows very well the fate that awaits classic children's titles once they enter "the public domain". (Penguin was among the first to introduce new editions of such books as *The Wind in the Willows* and *Just So Stories* when the Grahame and Kipling copyrights ran out.) Now Penguin is busy trying to pre-empt the floodtide of competition when the altogether simpler, and so easily vandalized, Beatrice Potter books are free for all.

Brian Alderson

Ronald Butt

## So where's the new idea?

Any SDP mergerists worried by Mr Tony Greaves's revelation of reassurances received from senior Liberals that the new merged party would be Liberal-run can breathe again. Almost every Liberal who has spoken at the Harrogate assembly has done his or her best to reassure them that there will be a kind of Social Democratic life after merger.

Effusive welcome has been given to each of the prominent Social Democrats who have addressed the assembly. The SDP mergerists have been assured that they will be entering a new party, not the Liberal Party writ large.

Mr Steel has said that it would be "no take-over but a marriage of minds," which would produce a new synthesis of individual freedom and social justice. Another speaker said the Liberals would not be any less Liberal or the Social Democrats less Social Democrat in the new party.

Even Mr Greaves himself has given the Social Democrats his own bizarre brand of comfort. As he sees things, the mergerists were really Liberals all along, which I suppose is at least true in the sense that if Mr Steel is a Liberal at heart then so is Mrs Williams. Non-mergerists, on the other hand, as Mr Greaves also made clear, are not in this sense Liberals.

To leave no room for uncertainty about his own sentiments, Mr Greaves added in a television interview: "I have an aversion to being called a Social Democrat." To him and to many more Liberals, incorporating the word Liberal in the title of the new party is essential because they really do think that the newcomers are simply converts who were in the wrong church by a historic accident and have nothing much to teach the one they are joining.

To others, however, the title Liberal is less important because they think that the new party will be more than the sum of its parts. Regardless of its name, the great virtue of the merger, as most Liberals see it, is that it is a new party as well as the custodian of Liberal values.

The recently defeated and knighted Liberal MP, Sir Clement Freud, spoke the inner thoughts of many when, declaring for a new party of "style and substance", he proclaimed: "I shall be proud to be a member of a new party regardless of what it is called," to which one was tempted to add, "and apparently regardless of what it stands for too" since at that point he, like everyone else, had nothing to say.

Now, of course, policies cannot be entrenched. The new party will make them up as it goes along, as any party must. But if a new party cannot say more or less what it exists for at the outset, why is it coming into existence at all? To succeed, the merged party must be more than the old Liberal Party and have something new to say. The prospective merger shows no sign of satisfying this criterion, nor do the Owenites.

The reason is to be found in the cause of the Social Democrats' secession from Labour. They formed a party only for the negative purpose of getting away from Labour, because they could no longer bear what Labour had become. Despite the talk about the new politics and breaking the mould, their own thinking was backwards. It drew at every point on the Gaitskillie-Croslandian doctrines of the Fifties which

Harold Wilson tried and failed to make operable in the Sixties. Yet it had been the failure of these doctrines which led to Labour's lurch to the left and had consequently made the Social Democrats' position untenable.

Labour was moving in a direction unacceptable to the public. Mrs Thatcher won three elections because she did have something new to say — and it was acceptable not because she willed it but because she drew on a growing climate of opinion, both pragmatic and intellectual.

But when the backward-looking Social Democrats allied themselves with the Liberals, they joined with another backward-looking force, a party infused with the attitudes of the Sixties, none more so than Mr Steel. In that alliance, however, Dr Owen began to see that something different was needed, which was to try to build on the years of Tory government, not to reject them. This was heresy in Liberal and in many Social Democratic eyes as the rhetoric at the assembly has shown this week.

For Mrs Thatcher and her achievements remains a Liberal reflex action. In contrast, Mr Kinnock was barely mentioned. Lashing out at Owen, Mr Steel has said that although having stressed the balance of power between the Alliance partners was a mistake, it was an "even" greater mistake to hint at "even the possibility" of coalition with Mrs Thatcher. That shows how politically uncomprehending Mr Steel is, despite his particular skills which make the political jungle a dangerous place to be in when he is around.

For in the election he made even more clear his own willingness to ally himself with the Labour Party, which the nation was about to reject for the third time, and his deep reluctance to have anything to do with Mrs Thatcher. That was not exactly the stuff of which victories are made, was it? For Mr Steel and many other Liberals, and Social Democrats, looking backwards is better than compromising their virtue by any recognition of Mrs Thatcher's advance.

Of course it is now sensible for the old Alliance no longer to have two organizations and leaders at odds with each other. But the differences are real, which is why the Liberal-SDP merger splits the Social Democrats. On one side, we have a group which looks over its shoulder. I suggest as its title the Liberal and Democratic Socialists. On the other there is Dr Owen, who sees that there must be a way forward which builds on the Thatcher years but so far has no real idea how to find it.

Meanwhile, in the Labour Party the more cautious left has come to understand that a fourth defeat is an unaffordable luxury. As a result, there is more new thinking going on there than in any of the new groupings. Labour's new thinking may well not withstand the assault that will be made on it from the harder left. Perhaps, one day, a new opposition will have to emerge, as has happened before in history, from the ranks of the dominant party of government joining with new allies of the sort that Dr Owen represents. But for the present there can be little question that the old Labour cart horse once more looks at least more credible than any of the other new opposition parties that are now on offer.

## however... Paul Jennings

# Passing fancies on Hatfield P

No place is more subject to unverifiable fantasy than one that has been by-passed. One day you are in the regular jam in what when you can see through the Stygian, oily fog and past the towering tarpaulins of juggernauts from Naples or obscure Dutch towns, seems to have been once a pleasant High Street. The next you are — well, not exactly whizzing, because the cost-cutting new by-pass with its skiddy concrete surface will already be too narrow and curving, with no real passing places; but at least moving all the time. And you know you will never see that town or village again, ever. So fantasy takes over.

Take Markyate, for instance, a few miles north of St Albans, in the old A5, pre-M1 days permanently jammed, so that one imagined Markyate families separated, people in shops and pubs becoming expert in sign language and, unable to cross the road, gradually sliding into "Western" and "Eastern", and with complicated lawsuits after various gables had been knocked off by lorries carrying liner propellers or gasometer sections.

Then it was by-passed, and one began to develop fantasies of Markyate reacting to the miraculous, sudden cessation of the modern din by regressing. In old houses seen again to be beautiful, cleared of rusty, oily mud, redecorated, increased thirty-fold in value, genteel ladies sipping tea or negus in each other's quiet parlours, men wearing top hats to church in a village getting more like Cranford every day...

Just now I am coming to believe that Hatfield Peverel and Witham, in Essex, are entirely populated by lunatics. Long since by-passed by the howling, whizzing A12, connecting London, once our greatest container port, with its successor in that role, Felixstowe

(how that would have astonished its sedate Edwardian holiday-makers), these are the only places from whose ship roads everybody hurries out at 75 and is damned to what's there already. If I am going to London they hurtle out from Witham and hurtle into Hatfield P. Only a few hundred yards further on (but having already zoomed into the outside lane and cutting in front again) if I am returning, at whatever time of night, they hurtle out of Hatfield P and back into Witham.

Why? I can remember pre-by-pass days when we had tea in actual Tea Rooms in Hatfield P: it then quite seemed to live up to its romantic-sounding name (derived, perhaps, from some kind of headgear, with wonderful coloured feathers, awarded to the winner of an ancient archery meeting in a meadow on the edge of Royal Hatfield Forest: "the Hon T.C.P. Writtleworth-Mountness Ladybird is part of the same group of companies and its travestied editions are sanctioned by the Warner copyright. Specious, too, is the parody cry from a Warner editor that it is "extremely elitist" to want children to read the books as Beatrice Potter intended them.

There is a flavouring factory in Witham. You can tell whether it's on peppermint or coffee or almond or whatever as the A12 sweeps you past the industrial estate. At night, from the train rattling through Hatfield P, you can see in blue neon the words Lord Rayleigh's Farms. Could there have been an amalgamation between the two, resulting in some marvellously flavoured yoghurt, sent all over Europe in juggernauts by the new consortium which, with its aristocratic antecedents, retains a sturdy contempt for modern communication methods such as the telephone, so that all inter-departmental messages, however urgent, go by road?

Most likely, I shall never be in either Hatfield Peverel or Witham again: so I shall never know.





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## THE WRONG PRINCIPLES

British and Irish ministers who meet from time to time under the auspices of the Hillsborough Agreement are wrestling with a fresh, and perhaps unexpected, problem: a modest form of success. Unionist protest against the agreement has been stifled. Although the deep opposition to it is clearly not much diminished, unionist politicians and their followers are divided over tactics and strategy. Newly-elected governments in London and Dublin (witness Mr Haughey's reassurance to Mr King this week) are keen to preserve the agreement. Opposition at Westminster is negligible.

This might seem a curious kind of success. But the first real intention of the framers of the agreement was to sail it intact into calmer water than it encountered in its first year of life. It was an unglamorous objective, but wholly necessary in a political culture in which all attempts at change (of any significance) will be met with protest and violence, at least in the short run.

The greatest threat to the agreement turns out not to have been frontal opposition but lack of interest. The agreement has always been open to the risk that the governments concerned might allow it to become inaudible and invisible. If that were to happen, it would fail to realize one of its principal aims — the erosion of political support for the IRA among nationalists — while preserving its ability to offend the majority unionist community. It would remain only as a vehicle for security liaison between the security forces of both parts of Ireland.

Perhaps with this risk in mind, both the British and Irish governments have been laying some stress recently on the question of religious discrimination in employment in the North. It is not coincidental that Mr Tom King and his counterpart in the Republic, Mr Brian Lenihan, who met in Dublin this week, are both embarking on journeys to the United States. The same subject is preoccupying Irish Americans.

This sudden and simultaneous interest in a subject which has been under legislative attack for 15 years may be a diversion from topics on

which the two governments might come into more open disagreement (such as reform of no-jury courts in the North). But it is worthwhile in itself. It is also a response to the campaign in the United States behind the so-called "MacBride Principles", an anti-discrimination checklist for American companies in Northern Ireland. They sound well-intentioned enough and have no doubt focused some extra British attention in the right place. But they open up the risk of great harm to the economy and people of Northern Ireland.

The code is based on the guidelines for American companies in South Africa framed by the Reverend Leon Sullivan. The drafters of the MacBride version disclaim any intention to put pressure on companies to pull their investments out. They deny too that they support positive discrimination in favour of minorities. But their wording is at the least ambiguous on these points.

In a historically weak economy which lost 100,000 jobs in shipbuilding, textiles and farming in two and a half decades and which has seen 10 per cent of its jobs vanish in the last five years, the dangers of disinvestment do not need underlining. Positive discrimination is illegal in Britain. The parallel implied between Northern Ireland and South Africa is the most dangerous nonsense of all: South African law institutionalizes discrimination; British law aims to eliminate it.

The greatest danger posed by the (mostly) innocuous-sounding Principles is their potential effect on inward investment. They have been adopted by five states, led by New York, whose investments and pension funds are now being used to lean on major American companies in Northern Ireland. This is precisely the sort of potential nuisance which can swing a finely balanced investment decision away from people in Northern Ireland who need the jobs. It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the MacBride Principles, while sounding high-principled, serve the interests of those who wish to ruin the economy of the North and thus to "show" that it cannot exist separately from the South.

## A VATMAN'S HOME

Opponents of Britain's membership of the EEC will draw satisfaction from the Commission's latest proceedings against the UK in the European Court of Justice. Driven by the laudable, if often inconvenient, desire to remove barriers within the EEC's internal market they have allowed themselves to argue a case which, while nonsense in anyone's language, looks particularly illogical in Britain today.

The case being argued by the Commission is that while local authority housing has a social purpose, and should therefore be allowed zero-rating for VAT, private sector housing does not. The Commission is eager to move the Community's multitude of VAT rates closer together so that goods can be traded more easily across borders. One of the major obstacles to this is the zero rates imposed on a sizeable part of consumer spending by Britain and Ireland as one of the concessions made when the countries joined the EEC in 1973. The agreement is that zero-rating is permissible where spending is for social reasons.

The formulation of this clause is hopelessly imprecise. Spending on holidays for the poor or computers for the young could equally be regarded as spending for social reasons. It was therefore to be expected that the Commission should seek to clarify the borders. It aims to extend VAT to cover new building, other than housing within a social policy, fuel and power supplied to business, metered water and sewerage services to industry, animal feed stuffs and protective clothing.

Where Brussels has got itself in a tangle is in

trying to distinguish "deserving" council housing from "undeserving" owner occupation. The sums at stake are large — about £575 million a year if VAT were imposed at 15 per cent on all new non-council homes. Because it is much the largest item in the list the Commission is pressing as hard as it can. But it is odd to argue that a council home bought by its tenant is more worthy or useful than a similar home built for the private sector in the first place.

The confusion may arise partly from the differing approach to housing in many parts of the continent. The Englishman's home is his castle, but to his richer German colleague it is more often his rented apartment. Ownership is still the exception rather than the rule in Germany and the private rented sector is large and flourishing. In Britain, on the other hand, owner occupation accounts for well over half of homes and its further encouragement has been a central feature of the Government's philosophy.

Ironically there are good fiscal arguments for widening the VAT base. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, imposed VAT on building alterations and hot takeaway food in 1984 and although taxing food in general has been ruled out on several occasions a further switch from taxes on income to taxes on spending would be consistent with the Government's philosophy of maximizing incentives. But ministers are most unlikely to allow themselves willingly to be saddled with the kind of discriminatory taxation for which the Commission is fighting.

## WHOSE ARMADA?

The proposed plans for the commemoration next year of the 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada have already aroused deep anger in many patriotic breasts. The complaint is that the intended exhibition will make virtually no reference to Sir Francis Drake and that it will pay no tribute to the received English view that this great battle was a signal victory for the cause of England, Protestantism and liberty. The spirit of the occasion, it would seem, will be ecumenical, not patriotic.

Let it be said at once that, as far as accurate, scientific history goes, the festivities may be far nearer the literal truth than is the traditionally accepted English version of the event. Historians with no political axe to grind have for long been diminishing the reputation of Drake.

The Armada, it is now believed, was dispersed thanks to bad weather. The Spanish fleet was incompetent. Drake cannot quite be cast in the role of David against King Philip's Goliath. But what has a fourth century celebration to do with literal history?

The point is well illustrated by two great essays by the late Sir Herbert Butterfield. In his *Whig Interpretation of History*, published before the war, he subjected the received view of English history to a devastating attack. The notion that this country's past was a steady progress towards liberty, the rule of law, parliamentary democracy and all the other benefits of contemporary life was a grievous error. Our present liberties were not wrested by enlightened libertarians from bad authoritarian Catholics but arose from the mutual exhaustion of these two equally autocratic forces.

In the era of iconoclasm which Butterfield inaugurated, all the heroes and sacred cows were thrown overboard. Magna Carta became an instrument of tyranny designed by over-mighty Barons to oppress the people; the Glorious Revolution, which we are also enjoined to celebrate next year, ceased to be a unique constitutional achievement and became instead the introduction to a century of Whig oligarchy.

In 1944, however, Butterfield wrote another book, not quite penitential, but certainly corrective. There were, he had discovered, two kinds of history, one which was scientifically tested and literally accurate, the other which had very little to do with what had happened but was essential to the maintenance of the nation's spirit. In short, we needed that abominable Whig interpretation of history in order to express our national ideals.

It was a myth in the proper philosophical sense of the word, a presentation designed to elevate the human mind and to symbolize profound convictions. The Whig, that is to say the national interpretation of history, told us nothing illuminating about the past. But it told much that was significant about the present and about our aspirations for the future. It was the history which is to be read in the nation's eyes.

It is this distinction which those responsible for organizing the commemoration of the Armada seem to have neglected. Historical pageants, national anniversary festivities should properly be concerned with projecting myths not recording facts. Could it be, however, that the organizers of this particular event have been concerned not so much with historical accuracy as with diplomatic politeness? A member of the Armada Group (which is organizing the festivities and which includes the Spanish ambassador) has said that it would not be diplomatic to say "Rah, rah, we gave them a thrashing".

This introduces us to a third kind of history — that designed not to tell the truth or express a national myth but to oil the wheels of diplomacy. Most international alliances, however, do not depend on cultural affinities and warm feelings between peoples, but are common interests between states. Anglo-Spanish relations will not really suffer if the English allow themselves a spasm of innocent and unbiographical self-congratulation over the Armada. The Spaniards are after all free to commemorate their version of the occasion.

## Opening up the 'right to roam'

From Miss Marion Shoard  
Sir, Farmer Hew Watt (September 9) seems surprised to encounter objections when he tries to divert rights of way on his land, even though he provides "countryside paths".

Footpath societies are anxious to preserve public footpaths and bridleways because they embody a legal right of passage irrespective of the wishes of the landowner. Mr Watt's courtesy paths, as the name implies, embody voluntary concessions on his part. They carry no weight in law and could be terminated by Mr Watt or his successors at any time.

I believe there should be a general right of access to all woodland, moor, down, park and foreshore and also along all field edges, estate tracks and riversides. Such a "right to roam" might well ease pressure on public footpaths which are often at the moment the only means of access to whole stretches of our land. It would also provide a means of access to countryside at present barred either because there are no public paths penetrating it or because the paths that exist are blocked.

It is time that these woods and lakesides, parks and riverbanks, downs and moors were made available to all. And the more space there is for walkers to lose themselves in, the less likely they are to become a nuisance in any one place.

Yours faithfully,  
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From the Chairman of the Open Spaces Society

Sir, The initiative announced by the Countryside Commission on opening up rights of way (letter, September 3) is welcome, but it does not go nearly far enough. Walkers should not be restricted to narrow lines across open country but should be free to roam over moorland and mountains.

The agricultural crisis is to be resolved in part by making something like a quarter of all land redundant for agricultural purposes. Undoubtedly many of the upland commons will be included in the areas to be set aside.

This provides a great opportunity to improve the facilities for

access and recreation in the hills. But the commons must be farmed, both to conserve the landscape and to provide an income to farmers and commoners. The problem is to work out a practical scheme which will achieve both these ends.

The Government is committed to legislation on commons and on the protection of national parks. In these areas the existing subsidies for increasing production should be replaced by funds for management schemes which will conserve the landscape and wildlife habitats and also contribute to recreational use.

The era of confrontation between upland farmers and conservationists is past. Apart from a few philistines, a new financial policy for the hills would command general support.

Yours faithfully,  
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Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

From Mr John Hinde  
Sir, In response to Derek Barber's letter, "Neglect of public rights of way" (September 3), I am a little daunted by the figure of 120,000 miles.

I lead a small but energetic band of Manpower Services Commission workers in Suffolk, mainly engaged on the clearance of rights of way in response to complaints by the Ramblers' Association to the county council.

Whilst we meet relatively few serious obstructions by the landowner we do encounter undergrowth up to 10 feet high, which indicates little or no use of the way. What is annoying is that a year later we see, on many occasions, that the undergrowth has once again taken over.

The paths were created by feet centuries ago and it is feet, aided by judicious use of a pair of secateurs, which will keep the ways open. The alternative is the periodic traumatic clearance such as we undertake which, as we are frequently reminded by on-lookers, is "bad for wildlife".

I appeal to the public to stop neglecting their rights of way. The answer to a national network lies at their feet.

Yours etc,  
J. E. D'O. HINDE,  
Watsons Farm,  
Fressingfield, Suffolk.

berto Ortega, "We are not ashamed to be helping El Salvador".  
Moreover, there is clear evidence that the Cuban Directorate of Special Operations (DOE) supervises the training in Nicaragua (along with indigenous experts) of terrorists from all over the world, including the M-19 group from Colombia, responsible for the attack on the Palace of Justice in Bogotá in 1985. For example, the Sandinistas trained the M-19 assault group on a scale model of the Palace of Justice built in a safe house and attended a memorial service that honoured the M-19 members killed in the Bogotá siege.

As virtually all political leaders in those states neighbouring Nicaragua will attest (if only privately), the Sandinistas pose a major threat to the region, and it is fear of this coercive power which has prompted the Arias peace plan.

Rather than subsidise the most dangerous force in the region, EEC countries ought to consider expending their political and security assistance programmes to the embattled democracies of the western hemisphere so that they might resist subversion with more than the high-minded documents described in your leader.

Yours faithfully,  
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Sunninghill, Ascot, Berkshire.

Trade mark home

From Mr J. M. H. Wright  
Sir, I am glad to see support in your columns (letter, September 11) for the Government's attempts to ensure the location of one of the EEC offices in London. There are surely grave dangers to this country and to the Community in the alternative prospect, of the concentration of decision-making into one single small portion of the whole.

You could perhaps help the Government by listing some of this country's decision centres which have been similarly located or established outside London, for the general benefit of the whole of the country.

Yours faithfully,  
J. M. H. WRIGHT,  
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numbered between 90 and 100 and it was impossible to know them, much less the 250 boys I taught, some for one hour, some for two, and the remedial group for three hours a fortnight.

The best teaching is a two-way experience. You have to know and be known. Today, many of our young people are crying out to be recognised, appreciated, but, above all, known. One of our social problems is that so many feel that no real effort has been made to get to know them. This makes for insecurity.

In any discussion of the type of schools we want the optimum effective size should be an important factor. We could begin by simply asking the younger generation for their comments.  
Yours faithfully,  
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Chichester, West Sussex.

## Speedier access to British books

From the Director General of Bibliographic Services, British Library

Sir, Mr Edwin Fleming's concern (September 11) that the British Library should achieve a higher level of timeliness in making available bibliographic records of new British books is shared by the British Library, in whose first strategic plan (*Advancing with Knowledge*, 1985) it was expressed as a commitment to advance from the then general level of 65 per cent availability of records at the time of optimum cost-effectiveness in use by libraries to 85 per cent by 1990.

The commitment has been welcomed as an overriding priority of bibliographic service, not only by the library community but by the publishers, to whom the speedy availability of a machine-readable record for their new titles is a valuable marketing factor, especially in respect of the increasingly important overseas library market for English-language books; and as a consequence the level of support and cooperation with the British Library of the great majority of publishers leaves little to be desired, both with respect to the prompt deposit of new titles and to the supply of advance information through participation in our "cataloguing in publication" programme.

In fact, the problem which the library now faces in fulfilling this commitment, and which the consultation exercise to which Mr Fleming refers is intended to address, arises from a long-term trend in British publishing over which neither the British Library nor (it seems) even the publishing industry itself has any control.

In the first year of its operations (1950) the British National Bibliography catalogued about 11,000 new publications. Last year, it took more than 65,000 records to cover a slightly lower percentage of the total output of new British titles. Realistic estimates coming from the book trade itself now show that the number of records necessary even to maintain our present level of timeliness will be 90,000 by 1990 and 100,000 by the turn of the century.

In a financial climate of diminishing resources from public funds the British Library is under mounting pressure in sustaining a number of its high-priority commitments and cannot divert more of its resources to this one. At the same time the library community, who are the principal customers for the National Bibliographic Service, are under the

same kinds of pressure: they have the funds neither to buy more books (and matching records) from the constantly increasing number offered by the publishers (and ourselves), nor to pay the substantially greater subscription costs that would otherwise be necessary even to sustain, let alone improve, the speed of their access to British books through our services.

The consultation exercise now in course is thus intended to demonstrate what price will have to be paid in other ways if the priority objective of improved timeliness is to be met. The exercise is not yet completed, but the response so far indicates that, with some reservations (including the omission of subtitles in some categories of records, to which Mr Fleming objects), it is not thought to be too high by many of our users.

Yours faithfully,  
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## THE ARTS

## A trifle fishy

Frank, fearless and local-colourful, *The Shutter Falls* (BBC2) was a play about class, sex and herrings. All three were embodied in the enticing figure of Ceit (Emer Gillespie), a simple young Gaelic-speaking late-Victorian brunette of eloquent independence. "I'll not pack herrings," she stoutly told a whisky foreman down on the historically reconstructed quay. "I'll stand up straight and use the art of the knife." More close-ups of gutted proto-kippers.

Using the art of the still camera was dashing young Mr Watson (Anthony Higgins), a simple English gent thrusting

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his tripod into the ranks of nubile fish-maidens as they battered in the Gaelic (as subtitles). It could only go one way. Shragging off the lower-class attentions of assorted sons of the sea, Ceit allowed herself to be courted in English and ended up in a non-costume drama — firstly in front of the greedy leech and secondly beneath the energetic Mr Watson. This anticipated *Blow Up* by some 70 years.

Ceit subsequently bore him a daughter and, according to the snap-happy father, "there was no guilt between us". Good-on, one thought, looking forward to the end-roller.

It may be unfair to suggest that the scriptwriter Norman Macdonald is a fan of Catherine Cookson — or that the composer John McLeod sits up late listening to Jansz's string quartets — but when the stirringly orchestrated men of Lewis lit their brands and marched on the gaol-house one realized that one had stumbled on an animated station-stall blockbuster.

Earlier, also on BBC2, *The Victorian Kitchen Garden* dug in for a three-month siege. This series has set itself the task of rescuing the walled Eden of Chiltern House from its present desuetude; to this end, Victorian strains of fruit and "vegetables" (to quote the soporific presenter) will be nurtured according to the values of surviving manuals.

For the determinedly non-green viewer, the programme could do with rather more in the way of historical detail (the snippet from Thomas Paxton's journal was all too brief) and rather fewer expressions of horry-handed delight.

Martin Cropper

## Fine script helps Capone to life

## CINEMA

**The Untouchables (15)**  
Empire Leicester Square

**Miss Mary (15)**  
Curzon Phoenix

**The Night is Young (15)**  
Chelsea; Renoir 1

Even in his own lifetime Alphonse "Scarface" Capone took his place in American folklore — a combination of bogymen and rags-to-riches success story. Starting as errand-boy in a brothel, he rose to rule a vast empire of crime from his Miami palace. By 1930 he earned \$30 million a year, kept a suite of 50 rooms and a wine-cellar and required a staff of 25 to administer his labyrinthine business interests.

Capone was the undisputed original of Howard Hawks's 1932 *Scarface*, in which he was played by Paul Muni. Later screen Capones have included Rod Steiger, Neville Brand, Jason Robards and Ben Gazzara. Brian De Palma remade *Scarface* four years ago, updating it as a drug-racket drama and so eliminating references to Capone. Now he gets round to Capone himself, in *The Untouchables*.

The original of *The Untouchables* was an American television series of the title in the late Fifties, with Robert Stack as Eliot Ness, the Treasury agent who finally convicted Capone on a tax-evasion charge. Week by week the television series was extended by crediting Ness and his Merry Men, quite unhistorically, with bringing to heel all the major gangland figures of the Prohibition era. The BBC has unearthed and will screen tomorrow night a 1960 film adapted from the series (BBC1, 11.15).

De Palma is a director who combines great technical skill with a weakness for the meretricious, and is generally as good as his script. *The Untouchables* is written

by the playwright David Mamet, who shows the same grasp of structure and feeling for the rhythms of colloquial low-life American speech as in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. The *Verdict* and his own *House of Games*.

Mamet gives De Palma substantial characters on which to work. Kevin Costner is a likeable, laid-back Ness who genuinely appears to suffer at the setbacks and bloodshed of the job. A steely-tough newcomer, Andy Garcia, represents the law-and-order side of the Italian immigrant community. Few actors but Sean Connery, however, could make credible the metamorphosis, with his promotion to Ness's lieutenant, of a cynical old on-the-beat cop to a kind of gangland Flash Gordon.

Robert De Niro's Capone is a bigger problem: De Niro nowadays has a star aura which rather sets him apart from the rest of any film

in which he appears, and there is never a real sense of confrontation between Ness and his adversary.

Mamet has also invented some pleasantly unexpected scenes, like the Western-style ambush of a bootleg convoy at the Canadian border. This is the kind of action scene which De Palma does best. Less happy is the film's big showpiece: a shoot-out at a railway station, laboriously staged as a pastiche of the *Odessa Steps* sequence in Eisenstein's *Battleship Potemkin*. This kind of thing may get De Palma a reputation as an intellectual fellow who knows his film culture, but it could leave most of his audience wondering why it is all so drawn out.

Maria Luisa Bemberg is an Argentinian lady who was approaching 60 when she decided that, with a marriage, four children and nine grandchildren behind her, it was time to start a career as film director. *Miss Mary* is her fourth film since 1981; her third, *Camila*, was one of the most successful films ever made in Argentina. *Miss Mary* offers an elegant and sardonic portrait of Argentinian society at a period of extreme reaction and corruption.

The story begins in 1938 and ends in 1945, at the moment when Peron was swept to power by the swept to power by the moral vacuum which Bemberg vividly describes. Julie Christie plays the English governess to a family of rich landowners, the social stratum into which Mrs Bemberg herself was born.

"Do you think our family is mad? Do you think we have too much money?" the children ask



Kevin Costner (right) as a laid-back Eliot Ness, and Sean Connery as his assistant, threatened by one of Al Capone's bodyguards in *The Untouchables*; and (inset) Robert De Niro as Capone himself

Miss Mary innocently; and her English discretion and common sense certainly lead her to these conclusions. In this rich and decadent society, idleness and lack of education have made the women arrogant and cruel. The men live by double standards, imposing monastic propriety on their own women and whoring openly at every opportunity. Miss Mary's young charges are vicious, but only because they have nothing better to do. Only in the young son of the house does Miss Mary detect some sensitivity and sympathy. It is when this sympathy and affection betray the prim spinster into a momentary, uncharacteristic in-

discretion that catastrophe is precipitated.

Alongside the cultural collisions between the cool English lady, with her unshakable confidence in the British Empire, and the neurotic Latins there is an almost nostalgic reminiscence of Argentina's traditional Anglophilia, formalized in the corrupt Thirties by the Runciman Pact. The political references are not over-emphasized: the charm of the film is its creation of a landscape and a setting, and its acid portrait of the family — the devout and disgustingly lecherous father, the mother, endlessly tinkling Satie on the piano or retreating into her "little crying-room".

granny gleefully sorting the family photographs into the dead and the living; and the children, sharply characterized by Donald McIntyre, Barbara Bunge and Sofia Viruboff. Léos Carax was hailed as a kind of infant prodigy a couple of years ago on the strength of a showy first film, *Boy Meets Girl*. In *The Night is Young* (Mauris Sang), a pastiche of film noir, he persists in his whiz-kid pretensions. Flashy cuts and compositions and childish homages to Chaplin, Cocteau et al do not obscure the stiffness of the conception or relieve the tedium of its two hours.

David Robinson



Strongest impression of a true contralto voice: Ambra Vespasiani (left) with Janice Cairns

## Death on the Nile

## OPERA

**Aida**  
Royal, Glasgow

Scottish Opera, in their new substantial history, have not until this week tackled *Aida*. Their first shot is certainly strong in eccentricity, if rather less powerful in other aspects.

The director, Gilbert Deflo, begins by interrupting Verdi's prelude to have a figure in Victorian widow's weeds lay a wreath before a white triangle with a rectangular opening. Old *Aida* hands might guess this to be Amneris before the tomb of Radames and his princess; others may well be mystified. But all are likely to realize that we are in for a bumpy night.

Deflo told Hilary Finch on this page on Tuesday that "you cannot bring hieroglyphs to life without being ridiculous". It might be added that it is quite hard to put *Aida* into late 19th-century dress without seeming a mite ridiculous too. Deflo suggests that the Egyptian King sent out a number of chaps, under Capt. Radames, wearing pith-helmets and Sam Brownes to quell a very small number of troublesome natives from the Upper Nile who dress rather less smartly in purple.

The expedition force brings back in Act II, apart from half a dozen prisoners and Amneris, a number of snapshots which anyone on a good Cook's Tour might have taken, and has them projected during the like the ballroom of Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo. Perhaps only the unkind will point out that Shepherd's burned down some time ago.

Deflo and his designer, William Orlandi, jump straight from the hieroglyphs into the fire in taking a Shepherd's-eye view of affairs. The updating, far from breathing life into ancient

Egypt, sucks it from everyone on stage. Orlandi's costumes are handsome enough, but his sets, heavy with Grand Hotel palms, take an inordinate time to move and are often splendidly irrelevant: a lengthy wait before the final scene leads only to that old white triangle where Radames and Aida sing happily to the open air and Amneris is too busy moping to do much entertaining.

Full sympathy goes out to the singers for having to endure such an unmusical interpretation. The strongest impression was made by Ambra Vespasiani as Amneris, who was dressed to look a little like Joan Sims in *Carry On Up the Khyber* — also, there was never a *Carry On Up the Nile* — but nonetheless showed a true contralto voice in the *Cossotto* mould. Anyone needing an instant Azucena need look no further. The Bulgarian Ljubomir Vidovov, as Amneris, revealed an equally powerful voice, when he was not looking understandably unhappy in Shepherd's ballroom.

Janice Cairns, despite her ENO performances, still seems only half comfortable as Aida. She was not helped by having to sing "Ritorna, vincitor!" before a dropcloth, one of the production's several crudities, and was heard to much better effect in "O patria mia" where her soprano at last got hold of Verdi's line. John Treleaven's Radames was game but vocally wooden and over-anxious to slide swiftly away from some difficult notes.

The musical rewards of a misbegotten evening came from Scottish Opera's sturdy and refreshingly young-sounding chorus and from John Mauceri in the pit, who after an edgy start showed in Act III especially what he could do with Verdi in the matter of colour and tempo. But it was Deflo, alas, who had already put the final Nile in the coffin.

John Higgins

## CONCERT

**Berg Quartet**  
Elizabeth Hall

that wild, unstable E flat minor Trio was thrillingly made.

But this quartet's dramatic instinct is always, or nearly always, kept in perfect equilibrium with a mastery of control of inner balance and dynamic nuance. One can quibble about some of the details (the heavy swells on certain chords in Op 127's Adagio, for example), but not about the compelling cogency of the interpretations. The leader, Günther Pichler, displays a marvellous sense of fantasy about his playing, which does not eschew some ripe, old-fashioned *portamenti* in places. But he never over-

dominates: the four players not only know exactly where the "leading voice" is at any given moment, they also emphasize it in subtle and fascinating ways.

In Berg's Op 3 Quartet one could detect a similar poise — between explosive, expressionist playing, more suave classic qualities, and the eerily brilliant realization of the "special effects", the harmonics and *sul ponticello* passages which still sound so modern. Other ensembles might make something more gritty, less civilized, of the savage scintillations of the second movement's climax, but that is not really this quartet's style. Significantly, the only intonation flaws came when they did pinch the music a little too robustly. In the finale of Beethoven's Op 127,

Richard Morrison

## THEATRE

**Summer and Smoke**  
Haymarket, Leicester

Peter Lichtenfels launches his new regime at the Haymarket with this long-neglected Tennessee Williams piece, in a production that ranks as a notable act of reclamation.

Dating from Williams's most fertile period in the late 1940s, *Summer and Smoke* has perhaps dropped out of the repertoire because it lacks the comedy of *The Glass Menagerie* and the sexual violence of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Its Southern heroine, the super-sensitive Alma Winemiller, is a close relative of Anna Wingfield and Blanche DuBois; but in this case the play is as defenceless as the protagonist.

Alma, a minister's daughter, grows up cherishing a secret love for the boy next door: a red-blooded doctor's son who shares her attraction, but rapidly cools off when Alma insists on restricting their relationship to a high spiritual plane. Alma gives music lessons, performs bashfully at Fourth of July parties, and runs a little arts circle, occasionally ensnaring John into these frosty meetings but always recoiling when things start turning physical, with the unsurprising result that he falls for the red-hot daughter of a casino proprietor.

The bare outline of the story, even including the melodramatic high point where Alma unwittingly precipitates a paternal shoot-out, suggests a profitless two-act house between a hell-raiser and an old maid. Williams's particular gift, however, is to reclaim such stock figures as members of the human race; and in this play he presents an absolutely even-handed account of the two characters, exacting equal sympathy for both.

Their lives are shown in a domestic context which is at once ironic and charged with authentic feeling. At home, for instance, Alma is shadowed by a senile mother, forever plaintively demanding "ice-cream and something to eat" and echoing her intimate telephone conversations. No wonder she puts such a premium on privacy and self-respect.



Frances Barber marvellously affirming humanity as Alma

Beyond this, the play has a poetic dimension more robustly developed than in any other Williams piece. The stage is dominated by a winged angel (magnificently realized by Dermot Hayes) which functions at once as a mute chorus to the passage of time and a Lorca-like image both of fertility and of the stale spirituality in which Alma is confined. Images such as the casino, the night of fireworks and the long-awaited Gold wind which brings about her change of heart are fully integrated with the text.

To operate successfully, these elements need epic presentation, which they receive in a production that can turn in a flash from pointed fun at the expense of Southern gentility and coarseness to elemental passion thanks in part to Gavin Bryars's score, which rivals the work of Ilona Sekacz in its infallible control of atmosphere.

Frances Barber's Alma, with her swallowed, in-drawn laugh and capacity to project generosity even when she is saying no, marvellously affirms the humanity of a character who is denying it. Her partner, Neil Pearson, rises to the occasion fully in the amazing scene of the anatomy lecture where he compels her to acknowledge the appetites of mankind.

Irving Wardle

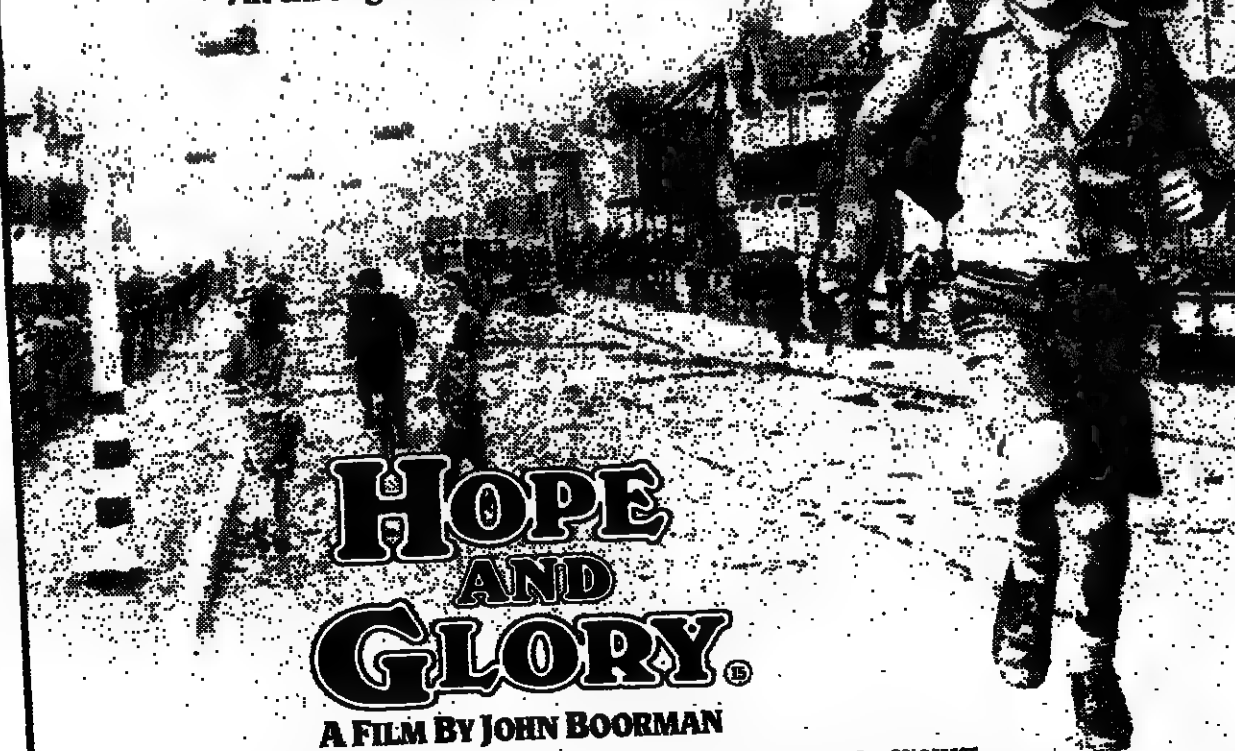
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## BOOKS

# The Peacock of the stalls

If it seems both a waste and a pity that a man with so much talent should now be remembered only for *Oh! Calcutta!*, the fault is really Kenneth Tynan's. From the start he simply wanted to make an impression; and, on the evidence of this exhaustive biography, it seems that he did not particularly care what form that impression took.

He was caught up within a strange family in Birmingham, and was thrown upon the milieu of that city like a Peacock (which was, in fact, his middle name) in pea soup. He really only came to life at Oxford where, in conventional fashion, he educated his taste rather than his emotions, and where, as a result, he became one of those undergraduate "legends" who rarely survive retelling in adult life. The fact that he never seemed to get over a university career of "privileged exhilaration," as he called it, suggests his central weakness. It was as if for him the world were one vast Oxford which would be content either to be amused or to be shocked.

Certainly he managed to provoke both sensations in his subsequent career as drama critic of *The Observer*, literary manager of the National Theatre, and then in what was for him the potent but ultimately fatal combination of "journalist, propagandist, and impresario." Tynan never really stopped working, even if there is now very little left to show for it. He was like a live cable that has been left on the ground, where it bucks and flares until there is no power left. He was made for the theatre, therefore, and that is why he was such a formidable critic, whose collected reviews are more than the sum of their parts. From his understanding of the drama you might think that he had been conceived in a green room, brought into the world under stage lights, and educated by a prompter. But under no circum-

## Peter Ackroyd on memoirs of a small talent for brilliance

THE LIFE OF KENNETH TYNAN

By Kathleen Tynan  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16.95

stances should he ever have been allowed beyond the stage door.

The point is that he seems to have possessed very little sense of reality; and it is on occasions this biography reads like a louche version of *Jennifer's Diary*, that is because Tynan himself seems to have been fascinated only by fame. He adored "stars" because he did not relish being human. Kathleen Tynan may have been his wife, but she is certainly no hagiographer; and she provides a great deal of evidence which suggests that he understood neither himself nor other people.

He forgot friends as soon as he was no longer in their company; he never seems to have realized how much his vitriolic reviews actually hurt those whom he criticized; and he was a brutal lover in practically every sense. There can be few occasions when a bedroom door has been thrown open quite as widely as this, and much of Kathleen Tynan's account is taken up with the documentation of his sado-masochistic fantasies — a theatre of cruelty, as it were, in which he combined his twin principal interests in drama and degradation. It is as though he went through life not realizing that there were human beings in it; he is like a ghost among other ghosts, dancing to his own sad, mad, tune.

And yet there is a sense in which he fitted his period perfectly. He died in 1980, and yet he seems to have grown old in the Sixties — somehow as deconstructed as that decade itself, uncertain of purpose, unsure of direction, filled with the infantile desire to shock and with an equally pathetic obsession for the more lurid forms of sexuality.

As a record of the grotesque of that era, then, this biography is to be recommended. And although there are enough names dropped here to start a small avalanche, this is perhaps an extension of Kathleen Tynan's formidable research. It is not uncommon for a wife to write the biography of a famous husband, but it is unique to find this particular wife examining the evidence to find out what he was like in bed.

Too much detail can be a mistake, however. Familial devotion is no bad thing; but naturally it cannot be reciprocated by the reader, and there are times when Mrs Tynan includes uninteresting episodes in the life of a man who is, in any case, now only fitfully interesting. As a result the book lacks proper shape, at once too crowded and out of perspective. There are times, also, when the dual role of widow and biographer becomes an embarrassing strain: she tries to be both intimate and objective, which leads ineffectually to a certain coyness.

Kenneth Tynan ended his life as a sort of spectre, dying of emphysema and looking like Death at the carnival of his own lost talent. It is not a happy story, but then human stories rarely are. "A small talent for brilliance" were the words he spoke in a delirium just before his death and, even despite this elaborate biography, they remain his truest epitaph.



# Thrills of the villa dunnit

## FICTION

Martin Cropper

DAVY CHADWICK

By James Buchanan

Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

THE WEDDING OF JAYANTHI MANDEL

By Sara Banerji

Gollancz, £10.95

LOVING LITTLE EGYPT

By Thomas McMahon

The Bodley Head, £10.95

The Italian villa from which five-year-old Davy Chadwick is abducted one night in December is a decayed Futurist grotesque. Time-switches plunge its dank corridors into solid ink. Unsynchronized clocks echo the metronomic drip of rain through its ruined roof. Suspicion falls on family, friends, visitors, the statutory idiot gravedigger.

Like overwound alarm clocks in separate walled-up rooms, three voices carry the narrative of James Buchanan's suffocatingly atmospheric novel. Davy's rentier father, an uptight, disgraced stockbroker, his friend and rival, a sometime banker whose nerves were shot in a hijack; and the boy's mother, who inherited the burdensome villa from her ex-pat father. At least one of these is deluded, lying, or quite possibly insane. Buchanan's terse, disquieting prose ought to send "thriller" writers back to night school, though the graph-paper denouement comes as a disappointment after all this suppressed hysteria.

After 200 pages of intrigue and mayhem, *The Wedding of Jayanthi Mandel* finally takes place in a village outside Calcutta, the lair of a ruthless clan of tentacularly powerful smugglers. Before the ceremony, three ribald aunts ritually bathe the army-officer groom, while a brass band plays in the bathroom. The titular bride, whose expectations derive from *True Confessions* magazine, has a habit of turning into a snake at moments of crisis.

The fantastical and the starkly violent are leavened by first-person chapters from a blundering Calcutta policeman in the pocket of the Mandel clan; the only villains he feels free to collar are the small fry smuggling "French panties, English marmite, filthy magazines and the like." Caught in a crossfire of rioting students, striking workers, hired assassins, and brutal fellow police, Superintendent Babu is a character in search of a comic opera. What he gets in Sara Banerji's episodic account of this corrupt society is a serviceable vehicle, which, runs on uncertainty of register; in his absence the texture thins; the uncertainty remains.

*Loving Little Egypt* tells the undernourished tale of an Ur-phone-freak of the 1920s, a near-blind Canadian boy with an uncanny gift for mimicry. Code-named after a kinesiologist (also, you see, a prisoner of a machine), Little Egypt sets up a toll-free party line across North America, and diverts himself by making the telephone network shimmy to the dictates of his voiced clicks and whistles. Though seeming to promise a monstrous young wizard after Grass or Suskind, the story misroutes badly when his hero grows a Boy Scout conscience and insists that his discoveries be used to safeguard the system from like-minded juveniles; this cues up a climactic confrontation with William Randolph Hearst, whose newspapers have called him a red subversive.

Other walk-on parts are taken by Edison, Einstein, and Alexander Graham Bell, this last being awarded a sticky little scene in which he witnesses the nude Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan in swim-on parts. The latter, we note, had "extraordinary bosoms", which — coming from Harvard's Professor of Biology — is extraordinary indeed. This lapse is typical of Thomas McMahon's casually graceless style. In amongst the crossbar-switch transients and Z-trunk shuttlecocks, he appears more concerned with rehabilitating his favourite inventors than developing his own invention. Instead of the excitement of science, he communicates the sentimentality of the scientist.

## NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:  
*A Ride Along the Great Wall*, by Robin Hanbury-Tenison (Century, £12.95) Four months hard by Chinese horse.  
*Ellen Terry*, by Nina Auerbach (Dent, £17.50) Unhappy private life and dramatic times of the Victorian and Edwardian star.  
*Henry V*, by Desmond Seward (Sidgwick & Jackson, £15) Unheroic account of the bankrupt and butcher warlord.  
*How I Grew*, by Mary McCarthy (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.95) All you could reasonably want of intellectual's early life.  
*Lord Lloyd and the Decline of the British Empire*, by John Charmley (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16) Diehard imperialist, who locked up Gandhi, and sent gunboats to Alexandria.  
*Tears Before Bedtime*, by Barbara Skelton (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95) Vivid gossip life with the *It*ers.  
*The English Nobility in the Late Middle Ages*, by Chris Given-Wilson (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £15.95).  
*The Prettiest Love Letters in The World*, Letters between Lucrezia Borgia and Pietro Bembo 1503 to 1519, translated by Hugh Shankland (Collins Harvill, £15) The passionate affair.  
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# Under the bamboo tree

Victoria Glendinning

BEHIND THE WALL  
A Journey Through China

By Colin Thubron

Heinemann, £10.95

Colin Thubron lost a stone in weight during his months in China. In Canton he was faced with a menu offering Steamed Cat, Grainy Dog Meat with Chili, or Braised Python in Mushrooms. In a butcher's resembling a Western petshop he bought a live barn owl. His train-companions next day were shocked to see him releasing this "expensive meal" out of the window. At one pharmacy he was prescribed Essence of Frog for his stomach-ache; in another, he saw a rat scamper over the dainty hands of a girl who, unperturbed, continued sorting medicinal herbs.

*Behind the Wall* charts an exhausting journey which began in summer heat and ended in winter. Thubron covered thousands of miles. Westerners in China travel in groups, staying at special hotels, eating in special restaurants. Thubron went alone, equipped with enough Mandarin to make himself understood. On a hired bicycle he joined the "huge torpid drift" of cyclists in the cities; he travelled fourth-class in the overcrowded, filthy steam-trains; he slept in communal bedrooms. Single rooms are unknown in China.

This is an even better book than *Among the Russians*. It's built on incidents, impressions, conversations, and adventures; but some lethal statistics are unavoidable. A million people were killed, 30 million persecuted, and countless millions starved to death during the Cultural Revolution. Today the number of Chinese between the ages of 14 and 25 alone is greater than the whole population of the United States. There are fewer than 100 private cars in all China. Nine-tenths of China is uncultivable. In some areas girl-babies are still drowned like kittens.

Trying to discover how it was that intelligent Chinese co-operated in the atrocities of Mao's regime, Thubron found a monumental conformism which belies the new free markets and brighter clothes. The "mass coercion" which over the centuries mobilized sacrificial manpower to construct canals, temples, and the Great Wall itself is still operational. So are puritanical ideas about reticence, and an assumption that disorders are cured by constraints imposed by authority. Although every young person Thubron met dreamed of getting to America, Western belief in the rights of individuals seems "grotesque" in China.

Westerners themselves, "foreign devils", seem physically grotesque to these "alm, slender, homogenous people". Thubron was the object of appalled scrutiny, and of endless questions about why he was alone. Seemingly no Chinese is ever alone, or unmarried, by choice. He found himself telling "a dribble of shameless lies" about a nonexistent wife and child. He felt bewildered and excluded. This seems to suit him: "As soon as a place adapts to me, I lose interest in it." The most extreme expressions of his diffident outsiderishness verge on self-parody: "I dithered in bemusement."

He dithers not at all in recording what he sees and hears, with himself as "a figure in a water-colourist's landscape". Away from cities, in gardens of rock and water, among mountains, beside lakes dissolving in grey-blue haze, he feels often as if he were in one of the classic Chinese paintings — which re-appear in three-quarters of their landscape to the silken texture of the scroll. His characteristic lyricism is in this book a controlled calligraphy of ideas and images, its richness cut by splashes of monosyllables — "hills where cold turns stone", for example, on the way up to a Taoist monastery. At the end I turned back to look — again, as I thought — at the pictures. There are none, except in the mind. Writing as vivid as this needs no illustrations.

# Thy neighbour's wife



Rear elevation of Helga sketched for "Barracoon", the old name for a slave hut

Tom Lubbock

THE HELGA PICTURES

By Andrew Wyeth

Viking, £25

The real scoundrel, Karl Krauss said, is the man who reverses the normal process of exploitation and seduces a woman in order to paint her picture. Andrew Wyeth, I gather, did things in the natural order; he was some way through the long series of pictures of his neighbour Helga Testorf before she became his mistress. But I don't gather this from *Andrew Wyeth: The Helga Paintings*, the book of the series, though in most other respects it could hardly be more comprehensive.

It's an all-in art historical package, reproducing the 20 or so finished paintings (in drybrush or tempera) and over 200 ancillary sketches and studies, down to the briefest pencil note and verso doodle. John Wilmerding, Deputy Director of the National Gallery of Washington, provides an introductory monograph that covers the work in genealogy, invoking every possible antecedent from the European and American traditions; and comparisons are made with other great "artist's women" — Rembrandt's Saskia, Picasso's Dora Marr — except in one obvious respect. This is skirted about as something too obvious or impertinent to mention. "What is reliable," as Wilmerding in-

palpably puts it, "is the implied bond between the artist and his subject as it becomes art."

The "sensation" and the "intense speculation" which the paintings provoked when they were unveiled last year — and which the book is a bit high-minded about — don't seem to me misguided. Wyeth was asking for it. He had been painting the same woman on and off for 15 years, had managed to keep it from everyone, and finally presented the work to the world as a single lot. People were bound to talk; and it would be difficult to separate the personal from the artistic.

After all, Wyeth had been painting his friends and neighbours for a long time, and his work always claimed a biographical interest. But more than half of the Helga paintings are nudes, and come as a shock. The first in the series, showing a half-length nude of the model, with her arms folded and a wary expression is called *Letting*

*Her Hair Down* — and his too, you might say.

The great number of pictures devoted to one person suggests an intimacy that is actually rather unforthcoming in any individual work. After the first surprise of nakedness, the approach appears detached. A few of the pictures are evidently sexy, but still in an abstract and tasteful manner.

A personal reading of the work, however enticing, turns out to be a false trail. Wyeth is making pictures all along, representing his "dreams" as he would say, not a relationship. The most striking pieces in the collection are works of quiet symbolism, heavy on chiaroscuro and atmosphere, where Helga is less the subject than a bearer of shady meanings.

Hints at more: it might be Wyeth's motif, with his mix of realism and mysteriousness. While his work is more than mere photography, his aesthetic is still essentially a photographic one, employing the devices of the interesting photograph, the tropes photographers use to lend art to an inherently literal medium. Really, oddly, he is not realistic enough.

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## What the butler saw



Rowan Atkinson as E. Blackadder Esq. and Tony Robinson as Baldrick (right) dabble in politics (BBC1, 9.30pm)

great-grandfather. The show has pace and is often very funny, though it is still derivative (mainly of *Monty Python*) and has yet to develop an individual style. Perhaps it is not quite sure of its audience. Younger viewers may relish the lavatory humour and the "aren't we darning?" use of the word "darning" while some of us may feel that these make a poor substitute for wit. Other jokes ("I've got this big

Peter Waymark

### TELEVISION CHOICE

● Having seen off the Middle Ages and the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Rowan Atkinson moves relentlessly on to the Regency in *Blackadder the Third* (BBC1, 9.30pm). Courtesy of scriptwriters Richard Curtis and Ben Elton, he has brought with him much the same jokes. Atkinson's Blackadder, who is about 20 times smarter than every other character put together and never lets them forget it, turns up as...  
 ● *Blackadder*. He is faced with the problem of heading off his master's extinction as the House of Commons under a 13-year-old Pitt the Younger threatens to strike the Regent off the civil list. Since the house is evenly divided, the solution is to vote in a new MP favourable to the royal cause. This is the cue for some merry mirth at the expense of rotten boroughs (which become malapropos "rotter boroughs") and an excuse for having Vincent Hanna to cover the event as his own

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### Radio 2

● *News* (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below).  
 ● *News on the hour*. Sports Roundup 6.30-6.45.  
 ● *4.00am Colin Berry* 4.00-5.00am.  
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 ● *9.00am Humphrey* 9.00-10.00am.  
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### BBC1

6.00 *Cee-fax AM*.  
 6.35 *Edgar Kennedy in Television*.  
 7.00 *Breakfast Time*. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. Plus, James Cox reports from the Liberal Assembly. 8.55 Regional news and weather.  
 9.00 *News and weather*.  
 9.05 *Neighbours* (r). 9.25 *Star Memories*. Fulton Mackay talks to Nick Ross about his favourite television moments (r).  
 10.00 *News and weather*. 10.05 *The Flintstones*. Cartoon series 10.35 *Play School* (r). Followed by *Willo the Wisp* (r).  
 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Jan Harvey with a thought for the day. 11.00 *News and weather*. 11.05 *Dr Kildare*. Episode three of the four-part medical drama and Kildare finds a clue as to the cause of the epidemic (r).  
 11.30 *Wildlife on One: The Bat That Cracked the Frog Code*. The story of the Panamanian fringe-lipped bat (r). (Cee-fax).  
 12.00 *News and weather*. 12.05 *Tallan, Will, I.R.* A dastardly plans to thwarted (r). 12.55 *Regional news and weather*.  
 1.00 *One O'Clock News*. 1.30 *Neighbours*. Nick Ross reports from the mother's departure. 1.50 *Life Film*. Kay Alexander examines the work of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary Flying Squad and the man who stalked John Collins (first shown on BBC Midlands).  
 2.30 *Flax Breakfast in Paris* (1982) starring Barbara Parkins and Rod Muller. Australian love story about a fractious fashion designer and a photographer she meets on a plane bound for France. Directed by John D. Lamard. 3.40 *Night Life*. The creatures of the sea around

### BBC2

6.55 *Open University: Meanings of Madness*. Ends at 7.30.  
 9.20 *Liberal Assembly 1987*. Live coverage from Harrogate of emergency motions and debates on the disabled and women in the Third World.  
 12.30 *Cee-fax*. 1.00 *News and weather*. 1.35 *Thirty Years On*. A celebration of three decades of BBC Schools programmes (r).  
 2.00 *News and weather*. 2.30 *Liberal Assembly 1987*. The debates on industrial policy and the economy and the future of the Liberal Party. Includes news and weather at 2.00 and 3.35.  
 5.30 *Ronnie Corbett* in conversation with Richard Baker (r). (Cee-fax).  
 6.00 *Batstar*. A cartoon about the adventures of the Batstar, a bat who flies through the night in the hope that the chasing Cyclops will be stopped.  
 6.50 *Starshot*. Round two of the Daihatsu Pro-Celebrity Championship, the second day shooting competition from

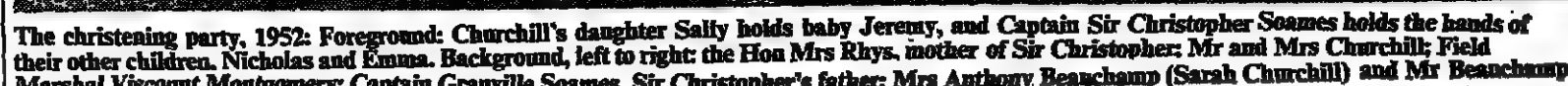
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## Soames, a master of commonsense

The major-general said "The Chernobyl experience is bitter. I wish it didn't exist." But it provided lessons both for the Soviet Union and for the world.



In his book *The Fringes of Power*, Sir John Colville, Churchill's private secretary, revealed how important Seames's role was at that time.

With Sir Norman Brooke, the Secretary to the Cabinet, Colville decided that Soames should be given access to many papers that he was not supposed to see. They did not regret their decision. Lord Soames, after a

which he enjoyed great popularity and was seen as contributing considerably to Britain's eventual entry to the European Community. When Britain joined the EEC he became a vice-president of the European Commission, responsible for foreign affairs.

Dr David Owen, the former Labour Foreign Secretary and SDP leader last night described Lord Soames as a "brilliant ambassador. I think Zimbabwe will mourn his passing as much as anybody."

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The basis upon which the 7. The formation of the

bate animal rights, gun control, racial work and anti-smoking legislation at great length but only in the late afternoon period when anyone remotely influential has

breaking. Regional committees will elect national committees which will elect a consultative committee which will elect selection committees which will elect regional committees.

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"But the essence is prosperity — even Mr Gorbachov is beginning to learn that — and

To coincide with her visit, the development corporation announced new projects. The main scheme was a £10 million joint venture to turn the former Smiths Dock into offshore technology base which is expected to generate 1,000 new jobs.

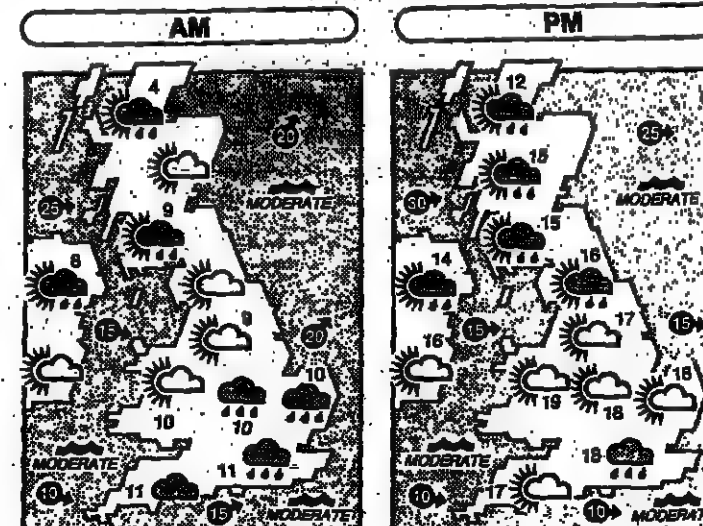
Details of the visit had been kept secret until the last moment for security reasons.

A 26x26 grid representing a 26-letter alphabet. The grid is filled with black and white squares in a complex, non-repeating pattern. The letters are numbered 1 through 26, corresponding to the rows of the grid. The pattern of black and white squares is unique for each letter, allowing for identification.

CROSS	DOWN
1 Policeman and old crane in Indian garb entombed in these? (10).	1 What the smart wooer presses (4).
6 Moving right away to get this wine (4).	2 Parking sign on top is a swindle (4).
9 Angry about many a fashion being outé (10).	3 A quondam academic type on bond? (3,6,3).
10 Essayist failed in part to make a com-bask (4).	4 Some bird See her performing (5).
12 No 351, nothing changed, including 6 that's damaging to the image (12).	5 One way to join the party - o like Samson's last gaze? (9).
15 Arnold's tawny-throated singer (8).	7 Spoke confidently, having turned to receive money, say (10).
17 Possessive article taken out of the air (5).	8 One is able to upset a clergyman being wrong (10).
18 Do better with fish, about ten caught (5).	11 Brilliant performance of an expert oarsman (6-6).
19 Another British Rail mix-up? Hagstung? (9).	13 The social standing of a sixth former? (5-5).
20 Supporters of Church power, given in Crockford's Directory, we hear? (12).	14 Proverbially most of the reason for winning the V.C. (10).
24 Sort of drop a police department makes (4).	16 Not a man that is misrepresented in this issue? (9).
25 Hirsute features seen in dining-room (10).	21 Thus 4 became the first M Soames Forsyte (5).
26 Decline kitchen's contribution to sordid realism (4).	22 Region that sounds better vented (4).
27 Habitual old soldier fails to finish, note, in first place (10).	23 Man for instance we hear church (4).

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outbreaks of rain. This damp, cloudy weather will clear from the north-west, but parts of the south and south-east, including the Channel Islands, may stay dull. Further north and west, most areas will see some sun but showers, already over western parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland, will develop in the north. In northern Scotland they will be frequent. Temperatures will be near normal in the south but cold further north, where there will be a strong west wind. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Changeable with some sunshine in the south.

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LIGHTING-UP TIME	LONDON
<p>London 7.42 pm to 6.09 am            Bristol 7.57 pm to 6.19 am            Edinburgh 7.52 pm to 6.15 am            Manchester 8.31 pm to 6.17 am            Penzance 8.03 pm to 6.31 am</p>	<p>Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, (64F); min 8 pm to 6 am, (53F) Humidity, max 70 per cent. Rain. 24hrs to 6 pm, trace. 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level. 8 1002.2 millibars -29.53 in.            1,000 millibars -29.53 in.</p>

## YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: a. cloud; f. fast; r. rain; s. sun.

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Belfast	15	59
Birmingham	16	61
Bristol	16	61
Cardiff	16	61
Edinburgh	16	61
Exeter	16	61
Gloucester	16	61
Leeds	16	61
London	16	61
Manchester	16	61
Newcastle	16	61
Nottingham	16	61
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17 1987

Executive Editor  
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share

1790.2 (+14.8)

FT-SE 100

2279.8 (+15.3)

Bargains

31098 (31573)

USM (Datastream)

204.23 (+0.83)

THE POUND

US dollar

1.6470 (+0.0040)

W German mark

2.9868 (+0.0072)

Trade-weighted

73.1 (+0.1)

## Profits at Matthew Hall rise

Matthew Hall, the engineering and contracting group, raised pretax profits from £3.75 million to £6.1 million in the first half of the year, on sales down from £248 million to £235 million.

At the end of the month, Mr Dennis Garrett, chairman, will hand over to Sir George Jefferson, the retiring BT chairman, who said in April he would be in a position to lead Matthew Hall from October 1.

## UB profits up

United Biscuits (Holdings), Britain's biggest biscuit manufacturer, reported half-year profits up 24 per cent to £59 million in the 28 weeks to mid-July. An interim dividend of 4p (3.5p) was declared. *Temps, page 26*

## £81m Coats

Shares in Coats Vytella jumped 18p to 373p yesterday on interim profits 15 per cent higher at £81 million. Turnover was down slightly at £81.5 million while the interim dividend rises from 2.25p to 2.7p net. Mr David Alliance, the chairman, said the group was now more efficient and was spending £100 million on new plant and technology. *Temps, page 26*

## IMF pressure

Pressure on West Germany to reflate its economy and on Japan to ease protectionism will emerge at the IMF annual meeting in Washington, the IMF annual report indicates. *Reflexion call, page 28*

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2570.98 (+4.41)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	24867.78 (+18.71)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	3904.94 (-42.28)
Amsterdam	Gen	118.24 (+0.12)
Sydney	AO	2274.4 (+43.7)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1983.3 (-25.6)
Brussels	General	5142.4 (-54.1)
Paris	CAC	428.0 (-3.7)
Zurich	SKA Gen	607.0 (-1.60)
London	FT-A All-Share	1790.2 (+14.8)
	FT-100	2279.8 (+15.3)
	FT-Gold Mines	447.2 (+1.4)
	FT-Fixed Interest	91.83 (+0.3)
	FT-Govt Secs	85.33 (-0.12)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Interlink Express	580p (+18p)
Monarch Resources	470p (+50p)
Oakwood Group	815p (+35p)
Williams Holdings	1013p (+24p)
F Capson	340p (+20p)
Miller Sandhouse	640p (+25p)
Press Tools	605p (+20p)
Electronic Mach	188p (+30p)
H Mackay	515p (+20p)
Thatcher Jute	170p (+48p)
Ferguson Inds	395p (+25p)
Mersay Docks	333p (+44p)
Next	355p (+15p)
Smith New Court	291p (+25p)
FALLS:	
Wills Group	188p (-12p)
Keep Trust	603p (-30p)
Cons. Gold	1480p (-30p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base:	10%
3-month Interbank:	10 1/2-10%
3-month eligible bills:	9 1/2-9 3/4%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate:	8 1/4%
Federal Funds:	7 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills:	6.34-6.32%
30-year bonds:	9 1/2-9 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: \$1.6470	£: \$1.6470
£: DM2.9868	£: DM2.9868
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£: Yen144.30	£: Yen144.30
£: Index: 73.1	£: Index: 73.1
ECU: £0.69613	SDR: £0.78559

GOLD

London Fixing:	
AM \$458.50 pm \$458.40	
close \$458.25-458.75 (\$278.00-278.50)	
New York:	
Comex \$455.50-457.20	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct):	pm \$18.55bbl (\$18.55)
* Denotes latest trading price	

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# Boom time in UK factories

## July surge boosts output to 1979 level

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's manufacturing output has regained its level of eight years ago when Mrs Thatcher first came to power, according to official figures released yesterday.

A sharp rise in July took the level in the latest three months to just above the average for the first half of 1979 - which government statisticians regard as the previous peak.

But there is still some way to go before factory output breaks through its record high, reached in the first half of 1974.

The index of manufacturing output rose 1.6 per cent in July. In the May-July period, the figure was 1.5 per cent up on the previous three months and 5.9 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Officials said the July rise probably overstated the underlying trend. But they have revised their estimate of that trend in manufacturing growth from 4.5 per cent to

between 5 per cent and 5.5 per cent.

The output index in July was 111.6 (1980 = 100), the highest monthly figure since December 1979. In the three months May to July the index averaged 110.4 - 0.5 per cent above the average for the first half of 1979.

Officials said that although the index reached 112.3 in the second quarter of 1979, it was misleading to take this as the previous peak because second-quarter output was distorted upwards by the effects of a recovery from industrial action in the first quarter.

The next "target" for manufacturing output is 112.7, the all-time high recorded in the first six months of 1974.

Industrial production as a whole rose by 2.2 per cent in July, the sharp increase in manufacturing output combining with a recovery in North Sea oil production from maintenance shutdowns in

June. But its rate of growth over the latest three months was only 0.7 per cent, and 3.5 per cent on a year earlier.

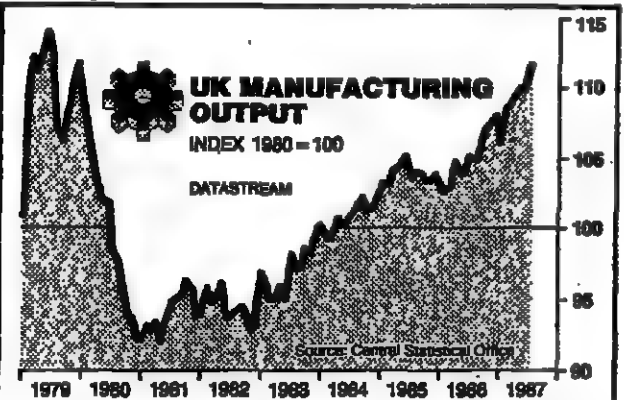
The rise in manufacturing output continues to create concern about actual and impending shortages in capacity and skilled labour.

Mr Bill Martin, economist at Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, said: "The pace of growth is too high for comfort. We are around at a peak level for the rate of growth of manufacturing output. It would be very difficult to maintain this sort of growth."

But Mr John Caff, economics director at the Confederation of British Industry, said both investment and capital goods output were increasing. "The question of supply constraints does seem to be receding," he said.

The strongest growing sectors in the latest quarter compared with a year earlier were metals, up by 10.6 per cent; other mineral products (mainly building materials) up 5.5 per cent; chemicals up 7.4 per cent; electrical engineering up 10.4 per cent; motor vehicles, up 10.9 per cent; and paper, printing and publishing, up 6.7 per cent.

Chemicals and electrical engineering have been growing strongly since the trough in manufacturing output in 1981, but there are signs of a flattening-out in growth in these sectors in the latest three months. *Comment, page 27*



## Equiticorp lifts its bid

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The battle for Guinness Peat Group moved a stage further yesterday when Equiticorp, the New Zealand investment company, raised its bid by £18 million to £356.3 million and increased its holding to nearly 40 per cent.

At the same time Mr Robert Maxwell announced he had raised his stake in GPG from 1 per cent to 2.3 per cent.

The GPG board immediately rejected the increased offer of 115p a share, up from 110p. Mr Maxwell and Lord Kistin, the president of GPG, who holds 5.7 per cent, also rejected the offer as too low. Mr Maxwell is believed to have talked to GPG about the bid.

But GPG and its merchant bank advisers, Lazard Brothers, said their recommendation to shareholders could change if circumstances altered. The options for shareholders could be to sell their shares in the market, accept the bid, or hold on to their shares with Equiticorp as a big shareholder in the group.

Among factors which could affect the outcome is the Bank of England's long-awaited decision on whether it regards Equiticorp as a suitable bidder for a British bank.

GPG is also in discussions with several third parties though none has yet come forward with a counter-bid for all or part of the group. Mr Maxwell is believed to have talked to GPG about the bid.

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In the discussions it was agreed that Mr Alastair Morton, chairman and chief executive, and the non-executive directors of GPG, would offer to resign if the bid were successful. The two sides also discussed the basis of a working relationship if the bid failed and Equiticorp were left as the controlling shareholder.

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Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy: confident of another record year

## Woolworth profit hit by lower rents

By Alexandra Jackson

Lower rental income was blamed for Woolworth's profit hit by lower rents. The company's profits fell from £8.6 million to £6.2 million, according to figures released by Mr Archie Norman, the finance director. However, toys, children's clothes and entertainment, grew by 64 per cent, 38 per cent and 36 per cent respectively.

First-half losses from the Woolworth stores fell from £8.6 million to £6.2 million, according to figures released by Mr Archie Norman, the finance director. However, toys, children's clothes and entertainment, grew by 64 per cent, 38 per cent and 36 per cent respectively.

B&Q, the out-of-town do-it-yourself retailer, increased profits from £20.6 million to £26.8 million. It is now the largest part of the group.

Mr Mulcahy said Superdrug, which contributed three months' profits of £3.4 million, was a good acquisition. Comet marginally increased profits from £3.2 to £3.5 million. Market share increased to 7 per cent.

Mr Mulcahy said the board had not reached a decision about a name change for the group.

## Legal & General lifts interim dividend 17%

By John Bell, City Editor

Legal & General, Britain's second largest life assurance and pensions group, produced interim profits slightly below City expectations yesterday. But a dividend increase of 17 per cent to 3.8p a share pleased investors and the shares closed unchanged on the day.

Pretax profit emerged at £35.7 million for the half-year to end-June, compared with £28.4 million last time. The outcome was roughly £2 million below most City expectations, largely due to one-off costs associated with the move of the investment management side to new offices.

Legal & General incurred capital expenditure of £3 mil-

lion and there will be additional operating costs expected to reach £2.5 million. The new facilities are among the most advanced in the City, says the group.

The surplus produced by long-term business, outside the US and excluding fund management operations, was £23.2 million compared with £19.6 million last time. Long-term business in the US produced a surplus of £3 million against £3.8 million.

Short-term business produced profits of £5.4 million compared with a £2.7 million loss last time, while fund management operations showed profits £1 million lower at £3 million.

## Last-gasp bid by CrownX goes to Panel

By Cliff Feltham

CrownX, the Canadian insurance company, stunned the City yesterday when it unexpectedly offered £289 million for the wholesale money broking arm of Mercantile House, the financial services group.

The last-minute intervention has completely upset the plans of Mr John Gunn's British & Commonwealth which, following its successful £550 million bid for Mercantile House, planned to break up the business and sell the money broking side to Quadrex, the US-based finance group run by Mr Gary Klesch.

Mr Klesch immediately went to the Takeover Panel to protest at the move by the Canadians which he claimed makes nonsense of City rules. A meeting of the full Panel will take place today to consider the issues raised by the new offer.

CrownX, which owns 14.9 per cent of Mercantile House and had been considering a bid for the group itself, is offering £280 million for MW Marshall and Company and William Street, its US bond inter-dealer broker.

This matches the price already agreed between Mr Klesch and Mr Gunn. But the Canadians are adding the sweetener of an extra 10p a share - costing £9 million - to be paid directly to shareholders in Mercantile House who are due to vote on the sale to Mr Klesch at a special meeting on Monday.

CrownX says it will withdraw its offer unless the Mercantile House board recommends to shareholders by tomorrow that they turn down the sale to Quadrex - or agrees to adjourn the meeting to consider the new offer.

An 11th-hour intervention of this kind is almost unknown. The CrownX offer got an immediate vote of approval from Marshalls. Mr Michael Warren, the chairman of the company, said last night: "I am happy with the CrownX offer. We had always said we failed to see any commercial logic being owned by someone who already has a major competitor." Quadrex owns RP Martin, another big money broker.

Mr Warren said staff preferred the opportunity being offered by CrownX to buy a significant stake in the business. "This is a much more attractive proposal for us," he said.

Mr Klesch, who ended his competitive bidding for Mercantile House by agreeing with Mr Gunn to take out the money-broking side, reacted

in a hostile fashion to the announcement.

He said: "CrownX are effectively offering an inducement, or bribe if you like, to Mercantile shareholders to reject an offer from us which they are, anyway, only matching. At this rate I can go around town breaking up deals all over the place by offering shareholders a few pence more to accept my terms. The Panel cannot possibly allow this to happen."

There was widespread confusion last night over who would be entitled to vote at Monday's meeting - assuming it takes place - called under rule 16 of the Takeover Code to enable shareholders to vote on the sale of a substantial part of their assets to another investor.

There was no comment from Mr John Barkshire, the Mercantile House chairman. A brief statement merely said the board had received a conditional offer from CrownX which exceeded the £280 million offered by Quadrex.

Mr Michael Burns, the president of CrownX, said: "We are allowing the shareholders, directors and management of Mercantile House to make a decision on the best disposal of part of their business. Mr Gunn had reached an agreement before he actually owned the company. We had originally thought of bidding for the whole of Mercantile House after acquiring our stake at the beginning of the year, but Mr Gunn arrived on the scene."

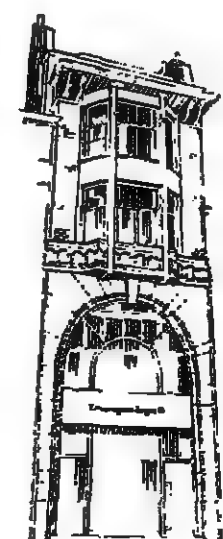
"We also wanted to spend time getting to know the Marshalls people before making an offer. We are quite satisfied they will be better off with us. I urge the Mercantile House board to support our proposal and shareholders to vote against the Quadrex proposal."

CrownX has a stake in the UK through Crown Financial Management, which markets pensions, health insurance, and life insurance plans, but has been keen to expand into other areas of the financial services sector.

Last year the money broking side of Mercantile House earned pretax profits of £40.9 million with the main contribution coming from Marshalls.

Mr Gunn has already agreed to sell another part of Mercantile House, Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, to Credit Lyonnais, and the disposal of the money broking business would leave him free to keep the third component of Mercantile, the US-based Oppenheimer fund management group.

## Ermenegildo Zegna



Ermenegildo Zegna apre il suo negozio a Londra.  
37 New Bond St, Londra.  
17 Settembre 1987. Primo giorno.

Abiti, giacche, pantaloni, cappotti, impermeabile, sportswear, maglieria, camicie, cravatte, accessori.







# PSBR 'is heading towards another large undershoot'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Government borrowing appears to be heading for a significant undershoot, according to official figures released yesterday.

The public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) last month was just £750 million, and City economists expect an outturn for the year of £2 billion or below, against the Treasury's target of £3.9 billion.

This would be the third successive PSBR undershoot and would leave Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, with the option of pushing through sizeable tax reductions in the Budget next March, or opting for a zero target for the PSBR in the 1988-89 financial year.

Treasury officials were cautious yesterday about market suggestions of a sizeable PSBR

undershoot this year. They said that, after allowing for privatization proceeds, borrowing was running at a similar level to last year, when the outturn was £3.45 billion.

But government finances are yet to receive a lift from higher oil prices. This month the oil companies will be making petroleum revenue tax payments to the Exchequer. A year ago, following the collapse in world oil prices, the Treasury had to refund advanced petroleum revenue tax payments to the oil companies.

And the privatization target for this year is £5 billion, which is likely to be comfortably met. Last year, privatization proceeds, at £4.4 billion, were below the £4.75 billion target.

The £750 million PSBR in August brought the cumulative total for the financial year since April to £1.4 billion, compared with £3.6 billion in the first five months of the 1986/87 financial year.

Last month, the Government received £400 million in privatization proceeds, from the second payment on British Airways shares, bringing total privatization receipts so far in 1987/88 to £3.4 billion, compared with £1.1 billion in the corresponding period of last year.

The PSBR, excluding privatization receipts, was £4.8 billion in the first five months of 1987/88, compared with £4.7 billion a year earlier.

Mr Glenn Davies, economist at Alexander's Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, said:

"The August number was good against market forecasts. But there is still a question-mark over the public spending round."

"The figures confirm that we are heading for sizeable undershoot, with an outturn for the year of £2 billion or below," said Mr Peter Felner, economist at James Capel, the broker.

Inland Revenue receipts in the first five months of the financial year were £700 million.

In spite of the rise in oil prices, the Government has received less in petroleum revenue tax this year compared with last - £400 million against £1.4 billion. But this should be reversed when the September figures are available in a month's time.

## DRG at £24.6m half way

By Alison Eadie

DRG, the stationery, packaging and engineering group which includes Sellotape, Basildon Bond and Croxley Script among its brand names, registered a 19 per cent improvement in pretax profits to £24.6 million in the half year to June 27.

Turnover rose 9 per cent to £355.8 million and earnings per share are 15 per cent higher at 16.8p. The interim dividend is up 12 per cent at 4.1p and shareholders may take new shares instead of cash.

Mr Moger Woolley, the chief executive, said that DRG is well on track. It is making acquisitions and disposals and investing heavily in new plant.

This year it expects to spend between £45 million and £50 million on new equipment compared with £30 million last year.

A three-year programme of £12 million to £15 million investment in new machines for commercial envelopes is designed to maintain its market dominance.

In the first half there was strong demand for stationery in Britain, despite rising raw material costs. Overseas sales were 26 per cent higher. Plastic packaging was very busy, but was hit by price increases of up to 20 per cent in resin.

## Spanish telephones chief scorns Britain's BT line

By Our City Staff

Telefónica, Spain's telephone utility and the country's biggest industrial corporation, sees no merit in Britain's efforts to inject competition into the national telecommunications monopoly and believes that Europe's future lies in bigger, not smaller, units.

Señor Luis Solana, the Telefónica chairman, yesterday spelled out the Spanish view of how Europe should face the telecommunications revolution at a briefing in London on Telefónica's plans for a big capital-raising exercise.

Europe would have only a single telecommunications multinational in five years' time, and Telefónica wanted to be part of it, he said. The other key markets, Japan and the US, were already in the hands of big companies.

A sector which has 175 buyers and seven suppliers

worldwide created a special market, and liberalizing telecommunications was not easy. "It is impossible from a business point of view to have a free market," said Señor Solana.

He was "unenthusiastic" about Britain's decision to license Mercury to compete with British Telecom's monopoly which would only fractionalize the market further. Spain had no intention of going down that road.

"Europe must be very careful with developing its telecommunications network. The real problem for Europe is to maintain a single network."

While in London, Señor Solana plans talks with Mr Iain Vallance, the new BT executive chairman, on possible co-operation between Spain, Italy and Britain on switching technology.

Telefónica, in which the

state has reduced its shareholding to 32 per cent, from 47 per cent five years ago, to allow the company to place shares abroad, was a model that other countries would do well to study, he suggested.

But the model involved maintaining good relations with the government, Señor Solana emphasized. "BT is an example of how this should not be done."

To meet its current investment needs, Telefónica, whose shares are quoted in London and all the main markets, is planning a rights issue of between £275 million and £375 million, probably next month, at above par.

A \$125 million commercial paper issue is also planned soon in the US. Next year, when investments are expected to total £1.6 billion, the company plans a new capital-raising exercise.

## Bonn plans telecom hive-off

From John England, Bonn

The West German Bundespost (Federal Post Office) will take a small step towards relaxing its much-criticized monopoly on the country's telecommunications in 1989 if a government commission's recommendations, presented yesterday to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, are adopted.

The Bundespost will maintain its grip on the tele-

communications network, including its highly profitable telephone service, but all other services, such as the supply of telephone hand sets and ancillary equipment, will be opened to private competition. In a separation of the long-making letter and parcel services and the telecoms network, the latter will be a state undertaking.

The 12-member commission, led by Professor Eberhard Witte, spent more than two years working on its report.

But the Post Office workers' trade union said the planned new structure would lead to "dramatic" increases in telephone charges and the loss of about 10,000 jobs.

## Greenwich digging for Australian gold mines

By Michael Tate

Greenwich Resources has launched a £12 million bid for control of Australia's United Goldfields Corporation, only two weeks after producing its first gold from the Gebet mine in Sudan. It is raising £14.25 million through a one-for-five rights issue to pay for the Australian venture.

Greenwich bought a 17.9 per cent chunk in UGC last month and is now offering £12 million for the rest. Holders are being offered four Greenwich shares, or A\$33 in cash, for every 11 shares held, valuing each UGC share at 142.7p and 133.3p respectively.

UGC's only asset is a 12%

per cent stake in the Paddington Gold Mine, just north of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. Estimates suggest that Paddington, among Australia's larger producers, has a life of at least seven years.

It will bring to Greenwich a regular and reliable cash flow, and a base for its planned exploration of the Pacific rim, where it is particularly interested in parts of Borneo.

Greenwich has a 49 per cent share in Gebet, where it has reopened diggings once worked by the ancient Egyptians. The Sudanese government has the rest. It is the company's first mine to come on stream.

## Merger boosts Pittard Garnar profit to £3.8m

By Our City Staff

Britain's biggest leather products group, the newly-merged Pittard Garnar, has produced profits of £3.8 million for the first half of 1987, compared with an aggregate of £1.36 million achieved by the two separate companies a year ago.

With the merger not formally completed until June, the benefits have yet to flow, and the main impetus behind the improvement came from what the company calls the "return to normality" at Garnar Booth.

In the first half of 1986, GB slumped into the red when the Chernobyl disaster and a strike by freezer workers in New Zealand sent sheepskin

prices rocketing. Those problems have gone and Garnar reports profits of £1.64 million for the past six months, compared with the £2.16 million achieved by Pittard.

Mr David Macdonald, the chairman, is delighted with the 19.6 per cent advance in earnings.

Mr John Pittard, the chief executive, sees the sportswear industry as the group's growth market. It airfreights 1½ tons of leather to Korea every week for manufacture into golf gloves and ski boots.

The half-year dividend is lifted from 1.12p to 1.75p in a move to cut the disparity between interim and final

## ECGD to ease rules on insuring

By Colin Narborough

The Export Credits Guarantee Department yesterday announced plans to improve insurance cover offered to British companies involved in overseas projects. It is also considering easing the rules on the foreign content such deals may have.

Mr Don Twyford, director of the ECGD's project group, said the decision to change the export insurance cover arrangements came in response to a market survey among companies interested in export markets.

The changes, to be announced early next year, will introduce a more flexible premium-rating system. Substantial reductions are already available for good buyers in certain markets in industrialized countries.

The ECGD is also studying amendments to its rules on the level of non-British content permitted in a project. At present, the maximum limit is 15 per cent, with 30 per cent allowed where another EEC country is involved.

Also under consideration is the ECGD's role in supporting project-financing proposals where sponsors carry a significant share of the risk themselves, for example, in the building and operation of bridges, tunnels and toll-roads.

An ECGD survey of the leading British companies in the sector pointed to the Far East, the Middle East and Europe as the best regions for finding new contracts.

China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea and India offered the best prospects in Asia, while Iraq, Jordan and Turkey came top in the Middle East. In Europe, the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and East Germany were gaining ground.

Mr Twyford said ECGD support was available for all these markets at present, albeit in limited amounts.

In many markets the trend was away from turnkey projects towards the supply and installation of more advanced technology, he said, noting that success in obtaining such business at least meant a reasonable chance of being paid.

The ECGD has guaranteed loans worth \$36 million (£22 million) to help finance a contract to supply goods and services for a stainless steel plant in South Korea. Davy McKee (Poole) was awarded the contract in association with Davy Corporation and the Korean Heavy Industries Company.

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

### Guinness Peat: is it time for a ceasefire?

Guinness Peat Group is looking increasingly like a company which has decided to give in. Fighting with Equiticorp has given way to an uneasy ceasefire, marked by Guinness Peat's distinctly ambivalent condemnation of the new offer. The price is still too low but the Guinness Peat board might still recommend it before the closing date.

In other words Lazard has failed to find a white knight and the Guinness Peat directors are taking a realistic view of the New Zealanders' entrenched position. Would they prefer Robert Maxwell, who was instrumental in preventing Guinness Peat from breaking through into higher ground by acquiring Britannia Arrow, if by some magical means he became a genuine contender? I doubt it. Guinness Peat has succeeded in forcing up the price by 5p; but 115p a share is still a modest price, as Lord Kissin is emphasising by refusing to take it for his critical 5.6 per cent holding while supporting Equiticorp's bid.

The two sides have already held "amicable" discussions on how their relationship might develop with Equiticorp as a major shareholder. This suggests that Mr Alastair Morton's vigorous opposition to the bid has not found wholehearted support among his fellow directors. He is also the only executive director to have offered to resign if Equiticorp wins.

Mr Morton may also be feeling let down by the Bank of England which initiated his joining Guinness Peat five years ago when it was in disarray. In that time he has undoubtedly restored the company's fortunes but not its equilibrium. Directors have come and gone - mostly gone - and the lack of trust and understanding between him and Lord Kissin, who created Guinness Peat, has cast a continuing, if shortening, shadow.

There may now be a desire among the majority of Guinness Peat directors for a period of peace and stability, which new ownership, a benign Lord Kissin and a departed Mr Morton might conceivably guarantee. Mr Morton, who has considerable share options in the company, has shown his real capabilities in his new role as co-chairman of Eurotunnel. His achievements in transforming the prospects of what had become a forlorn hope are quite outstanding and will assure that his services remain in demand.

It is well over a month now since Equiticorp started showing its teeth: time enough for the Bank of England to have made up its mind on whether the New Zealanders are "fit and proper" people to own a British bank. The Bank denies that it has already given Equiticorp the nod. Certainly it needs to be careful. This is the first time it has been obliged to make such a decision, as opposed to making one when it felt like it. The new rules requiring such

decisions come into effect on October 1, and if the Bank finds against Equiticorp it would have the embarrassing duty of forcing the New Zealanders to drop their bid and sell their Guinness shares.

The uncertainty the Bank seems to be causing contradicts the view that the "fit and proper" clause in the new Banking Act limits the Bank's discretion in making decisions. The Bank would no doubt prefer that to be the case.

### The clock turns back

The road has been long and hard, and with quite a few wrong turnings, but finally we are there. Manufacturing output is back to its 1979 level and, barring disasters, it should soon break through the levels reached in those dark and distant days of 1974.

The statistic, arising partly from the summer surge in output and partly from upward revisions to earlier data, has to be seen as a milestone. The Chancellor can now claim that not only is the quality of manufacturing output immeasurably better than it was in the first half of 1979, but its quantity is measurably greater.

This is not just reflected in the big productivity gains coming through in manufacturing. It is also implicit in the improved reputation for reliability, attention to the little details like delivery and, above all, the new confidence of manufacturing industry in Britain.

Regaining 1979 output levels does not, of course, mean that industry has solved all its problems. But, as the Bank of England reminded us in its *Quarterly Bulletin* last month, rates of return in industry have recovered to levels at which it is, once more, profitable to invest.

There have been winners and losers in manufacturing since 1979. The biggest losers, arguably, are those workers who had been cushioned from a major shake-out in employment until 1980/81. Manufacturing employment has levelled off and may now be rising slightly.

The latest figures show that chemicals, electrical engineering and the food industry have shown significant gains in output since 1979. Mechanical engineering, motor vehicles and textiles are among those still showing sizeable losses.

But there is a silver lining. The official industrial production figures will be re-based next year to 1985, and the index of manufacturing output will reflect more closely those sectors which have grown fastest under Mrs Thatcher. It is likely, when the new weights are in place, that manufacturing output will be seen to have comfortably exceeded its 1974 and 1979 levels long before now.

## CROWN X

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

## TO SHAREHOLDERS OF MERCANTILE HOUSE HOLDINGS plc FROM CROWN X INC ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR MERCANTILE HOUSE SHARES

Crownx has made an offer ("the Crownx Offer") to the Board of Mercantile House to acquire the wholesale broking division of Mercantile House. If Crownx acquires the wholesale broking division under the Crownx Offer, Mercantile House shareholders will receive at least an additional 9p for each Mercantile House share which is acquired under the offer by British & Commonwealth Holdings PLC ("the B&C Offer"). Shareholders will be entitled to receive this payment whether or not they have yet accepted the B&C Offer.

The Crownx Offer is dependent on Mercantile House shareholders defeating the resolution approving the sale of the wholesale broking division to Quadrex Holdings Inc., which will be put to the shareholders' meeting to be held in London at 12 noon on Monday, 21st September, 1987. The Crownx Offer is subject to a number of conditions (set out in the Crownx Offer) including acceptance by the Board of Mercantile House and the B&C Offer becoming fully unconditional.

Mercantile House shareholders are therefore urged to vote against the Quadrex resolution.

Mercantile House shareholders, whether or not they have already lodged forms of proxy or accepted the B&C Offer, who wish to vote against the resolution should urgently telephone 01-623 8000 (quoting "Crownx Offer") no later than 12 noon on Friday 18th September, 1987. They will be provided with copies of the Crownx press release and the Crownx Offer and appropriate forms of proxy enabling them to vote against the resolution.

The Crownx Offer is also subject to the views of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers.

## Revenge of old Ireland

Look over your shoulder, Pilkington. The esteemed and normally tight-lipped former BTR finance director, Norman Ireland, is, I hear, concerned by the phenomenal growth of hedging industrial conglomerates modelled on BTR and Hanson Trust. "When we started up, it took us two years to digest one acquisition," he tells me. "Nowadays they are expected to take on two acquisitions in one year - how can they keep it up? They are all so hyped." But while musing on his old BTR days over our lunch at the Howard Hotel, Ireland, now chairman of paper group Bowater and a non-executive director of Scottish Heritage Trust among others, offered the intriguing throwaway line that "BTR has never lost a takeover bid yet." Amid cries of "What about Pilkington?" he added, with a twinkle in his eye: "Even those where we lost the first battle, we returned successfully three or four years later - like Bestobell." Then he added ominously: "Life is getting very tough in the glass industry."

### On line

We could learn a lot from our European neighbours, as a colleague's telephone call to Compagnie du Midi, the French financial services giant which launched a £403 million bid for Equity & Law on Friday, illustrates. Nothing new in the playing of music down the phone line until the finance director's phone became free, although the choice

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### Braced for the worst

Hands up all those in the City who wear braces to hold up their trousers. Are you aware that there is a school of thought that says this act is liable to cause cancer of the nipples in men? I jest not. So serious is the issue that it warrants a written answer in the latest edition of the *British Medical Journal*, from London-based professor of surgery

Harold Ellis. But braces-toting City slickers, a part of that old Square Mile uniform which has lingered on substantially longer than bowler hats, can relax. In great scientific detail the professor explains that there is in fact "no evidence that trauma of any sort" results in breast cancer, and he dismisses the aforementioned claim as rubbish.

of Vivaldi's Four Seasons was something of a delight. But *quelle surprise!* A recorded message informed him every few seconds that he was still connected, and requested that he continue to hold the line. And the information was communicated first in French, then... in English. How many British companies can boast a similar courtesy?

● *USA Today*, America's only national newspaper, is apparently having to suffer the nickname McPaper. Critics claim that it is a purveyor of junk journalism, similar, in principle, to McDonald's.

### Watering hole

If you are taken out to lunch by an American broker or banker, brace yourself for a sobering session. A Gallup poll for *American Health* magazine reveals that only 6 per cent of American businessmen and women drink wine at lunch-time, 7

per cent spirits, 1 per cent beer, and 18 per cent coffee - with the rest sticking to water. The new-found concern for health, encouraged by a change in US tax law allowing only 80 per cent of entertainment bills to be claimed back, extends to choice of food. Only 2 per cent of business people now have dessert, with 11 per cent of those who do choosing fresh fruit.



## Brazil trip sewn up

Be wary of any sell recommendations on Coats Viyella shares during the next couple of months - they probably will be from disgruntled analysts excluded from a trip to a Brazilian thread factory. Coats is taking 15 brokers to São Paulo, Brazil, in the third week of November to tour its sewing thread plant. Such trips are always expensive, but Coats's estimates that the cost will be about £20,000 is probably somewhat conservative - the air fare alone is likely to be more than £1,000 per person. And what, you may ask, does Coats's Brazilian factory have to offer that its Scottish thread plant in Paisley has not, apart from being considerably further away? Well, when asked that very question, Coats Viyella's chairman, David Alliance, who describes Brazil as "our South American land of opportunity," tells me: "We've been there for 80 years, and the analysts showed an interest in our operations." I bet they did. Is it any wonder that not many of them expressed an interest in a visit to Paisley?

● Can there be any more acronyms still to come? Aged only 25, John Smith, a stores analyst at Morgan Grenfell Securities, tells me he is more than a little concerned at being referred to as an Otwo - On The Way Out. "Perhaps it's because I've worked for four firms in as many years," he says. Must be time for another move.

Carol Leonard







## Foreign buying boost for Oslo

Oslo (Reuters) — The Oslo stock exchange has risen more than any other in the world this year, with the exception of Sydney, and analysts expect the trend to continue.

While corrections are likely, they say an improved economic outlook, some market liberalization and prospects for strong corporate profits make Norway's stock exchange a good hunting-ground for foreign investors.

This week the all-share index hit 421.11 — up almost 50 per cent from the 281.77 points at the end of last year.

"There is no doubt that foreign investors find Norway one of the more attractive markets in Europe," said Mr Chris Honnor of Kleinwort Grieson Securities, the London broker.

Turnover has also shot up, sometimes reaching more than 300 million kroner — six times the average daily volume earlier this year.

Although price/earnings ratios for Norwegian shares are relatively low, analysts say restrictions on foreign share ownership have created liquidity problems. But the government has announced plans to boost permitted foreign share ownership to 33 per cent of voting shares from the present average of 20 per cent, and to allow foreigners to hold 100 per cent of non-voting shares.

Foreign buying accounts for one-fifth of turnover, but the proposal could boost this to as much as 50 per cent, Mr Truls Evensen of Den Norske Creditbank, said.

Economic factors have also encouraged buying: inflation has fallen to 7.8 per cent a year from about 10 per cent; the krone has been strong on the currency markets; and the foreign trade deficit has been cut to about 7 billion kroner — less than half the level in the first half of last year.

## French slice budget deficit and still manage tax cuts

Paris (Reuters) — The French cabinet has approved a cut in the budget deficit to 114.9 billion francs (£11.58 billion) in 1988 from about 130 billion in 1987.

After a cabinet meeting convened to approve the 1988 budget, M Alain Juppé, the French budget minister, said the deficit would represent 2.1 per cent of gross domestic product in 1988, compared with a previous 3.3 per cent.

The new deficit is in line with the long-standing target of M Edouard Balladur, the finance minister, of cutting the deficit to about 115 billion francs in 1988 and by a further 15 billion francs in each of the following three years.

M Juppé said the government's "extremely tight and efficient management" had permitted it to make deep cuts in personal and company taxes at the same time as reducing the deficit.

He said tax cuts over the two-year period, 1987 and 1988, would total 69 billion francs, of which 33.4 billion francs would directly benefit companies and 27.1 billion francs private households.

The bulk of the tax cuts for industry will be due to an already announced reduction in company payroll tax to 42 per cent from the current 45 per cent, and changes in VAT on telephone calls. The remaining 8.5 billion francs of tax cuts would come in reductions in VAT on video cassettes and cars.

Total expenditure will rise to 1,084 billion francs in 1988, up 2.8 per cent from 1987 in overall terms but up just 1.9 per cent if certain changes in budget structure are excluded, he said.

Receipts will total 969 billion francs in 1988, up 4.7 per cent from this year. Priority in spending will be given to job training and measures to combat France's 11 per cent unemployment rate, with spending in this sector set to rise 7 per cent next year.



Alain Juppé: tax cuts possible thanks to 'tight management'

Spending on research will rise 10.3 per cent, with priority being given to industrial research.

The defence budget will rise by 5.9 per cent, in line with the five-year plan approved by parliament to bolster France's nuclear deterrent and modernize its conventional forces.

The Interior Ministry budget will rise by 4.6 per cent, primarily to fund the modernization of the police force.

The Justice Ministry budget will rise by 10.7 per cent, largely to fund the construction of 15,000 extra prison places, and the general education budget will rise 4.1 per cent, with spending on higher

education rising 5.3 per cent. Student protests late last year presented the conservative government with its first big challenge since coming to power in March 1986.

Following the 3 per cent across-the-board cut in income tax this year, the reduction in the top rate of income tax to 58 per cent from 65 per cent and the complete exemption of two million taxpayers from income tax, the 1988 budget introduces a further 4 per cent cut for the majority of taxpayers and a 2 per cent cut for those in the 20 per cent bracket.

The budget also contains measures to bring tax on

heavy fuel into line with the European average, and to introduce progressive VAT relief on gas oil. The budget will also permit industrial groups to integrate for fiscal purposes the results of subsidiaries in which the parent company holds a stake of 95 per cent or higher.

The government has already announced that VAT on cars and motorcycles will be cut to 28 per cent from the luxury tax rate of 33.33 per cent, effective tomorrow, while VAT on video cassettes and records will fall to 18.6 per cent from 33.33 per cent. The total volume of state taxes will fall to 16.1 per cent of GDP in 1988 from 16.9 per cent in 1986, although this excludes social security and other payments which take the total burden closer to 45 per cent of GDP.

M Juppé also confirmed that development aid would rise by 11.5 per cent in 1988, taking it to 0.54 per cent of GDP.

The government expects receipts from its privatization programme, which has already brought in more than 50 billion francs to the treasury since its inception last December, will bring in a further 50 billion next year. More than two-thirds of this sum will be used to pay back state debt, in line with current practice, with the rest being used to finance state industry.

"Priority must be given to the further reduction of the budget deficit," an official communiqué said. "Even if it has fallen considerably, the deficit is still leading to excessive growth of indebtedness. The aim is to stabilize state debt as a percentage of GDP."

It added that abolition of trading barriers within the European Community, which are planned for 1992, would require further adjustment of French tax policy over the coming years.

## Dairy firm profits jump 49%

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

Dairy Farm International, the former Hong Kong Land subsidiary, yesterday announced after-tax interim profits up 49 per cent to HK\$172 million (£13.5 million).

The firm, which was floated on the Hong Kong stock exchange last year, reported sales up 26 per cent to more than HK\$6 billion. Dairy Farm recently spent HK\$1.8 billion on a 25 per cent stake in Kwik Save.

Mr Owen Price, the managing director of Dairy Farm, said his company was developing good relations with Kwik Save directors and would be discussing board representation at a meeting with them later this month.

Mr Simon Keswick, the Dairy Farm chairman, said: "The outlook for the remainder of the year is encouraging. Included in the second half will be a contribution from Kwik Save, and in the same period we plan to open our first store in Taiwan."

## Australian shares hit record on Budget euphoria

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Post-Budget euphoria gripped Australian markets yesterday when shares rose to record prices.

The Australian dollar, fuelled by the token deficit of A\$27million (£12 million) and unexpectedly low trade figures, also peaked — at 72.85 US cents — a 16-month high.

The all-ordinaries index, the stock exchange's leading indicator, rose 45.3 points to close at a record 2276.3 points.

Brokers said yesterday that the fifth budget of Mr Paul Keating, the Australian Treasurer, had spurred on the market's five-year bull run.

"This is no one-day wonder, the market is in love with this Labour government," a leading broker said.

"The budget was enormously encouraging. Negative gearing has been restored and the prospect of lower corporate tax rates is very heartening," he added.

Analysts had been anticipating an August trade deficit of up to US\$1.2 billion, this was US\$320 million more than expected and nearly US\$600 million lower than the July deficit.

Further bullish sentiment followed when three banks, including two of the country's Big Four, announced that they would follow the lead of the ANZ Bank and cut their domestic lending rates by 0.75 per cent to 14.5 per cent.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said yesterday that the appreciation of the dollar did not threaten strategy.

"We are not going to see the exchange rate move in such a way as to wipe out the very significant advantage we have made since we floated the dollar," he said.

Mr Hawke was responding to manufacturer's criticisms that the rising dollar would jeopardize Australia's international competitiveness.

### APPOINTMENTS

## Four are promoted at Mothercare

Mothercare: Mr Alastair Kerr becomes chief executive, Mothercare Europe. Mr Steve Dellar becomes finance director, Mothercare Europe. Mr David Thompson becomes finance director, Mothercare UK and Mr David Evans becomes computer systems director, Mothercare UK.

Heath Fielding LMX: Mr Richard Lay is now joint managing director. Mr Peter Gravette, Mr Mark Jones and Mr Christopher Bennett become assistant directors.

Del Monte USA: Mr A Ewan Macdonald has become president.

Osborne Clarke: Mr Bernard Ratzke becomes a partner. Confederation of British Wool Textiles: Mr Bob Clarke

has been appointed director of training.

British Alcan Aluminium: Mr SARC Albuquerque becomes director of finance.

Dix Belgravia: Mr Gwyn Phillips has been appointed financial director.

Ingersoll Locks: Mr Peter Jones has been made director and general manager.

Nobo Group: Mr Roger Colvin is now financial director.

Coopers & Lybrand: Mr Chris Appleton, Mr John Berriman, Mr Nick Parker, Mr Andy Popham, Mr Maryn Boddy and Mr Ed Smith become partners, audit practice. Mr Lawrence Niven, Mr John Gwyer and Mr Nick Hopkin become partners, tax

practice. Mr Bill Bound, Mr John Collings, Mr Richard Siderly, Mr Bruce Hackett, Mr Russell Muir, Mr Mike Stanton, Mr Lynton Barker, Mr Thomas Cantill and Mr Bob Millar are appointed directors, management consultancy practice. Mr Jonathan Wackett, Mr Peter Jacobs, Mr John Leonard, Mr Robert Knight and Mr Paul Singleton become partners, business services group. Mr Andrew Mainz becomes a partner, London legal support and Mr Sydney Richardson director of planning.

Martin Ford: Mr Tony Leyland becomes a director.

Hunting Gate Group: Mr Jonathan Walters and Mr Ken Price have joined the board.

### LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	85.55	85.55	85.55	85.54	0
Oct 87	85.54	85.55	85.49	85.51	4013
Nov 87	85.54	85.55	85.55	85.51	491
Dec 87	85.54	85.55	85.55	85.55	115
Jan 88	NT	NT	NT	85.47	0
Feb 88	NT	NT	NT	85.42	0
Mar 88	85.48	85.48	85.48	85.37	5
Apr 88	NT	NT	NT	85.34	0
May 88	NT	NT	NT	85.23	0
Jun 88	NT	NT	NT	85.23	0
Previous day's total open interest					18198
Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	91.57	91.59	91.50	91.53	5870
Oct 87	91.15	91.18	91.06	91.08	1055
Nov 87	90.99	90.97	90.87	90.87	548
Dec 87	90.68	90.65	90.63	90.63	79
Jan 88	NT	NT	NT	90.34	0
Feb 88	NT	NT	NT	90.22	0
Mar 88	NT	NT	NT	90.22	0
Jun 88	NT	NT	NT	90.22	0
Previous day's total open interest					26784
US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	93-02	93-02	91-16	91-18	8252
Oct 87	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
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Jul 97	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Aug 97	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Sep 97	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Oct 97	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Nov 97	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Dec 97	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Jan 98	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Feb 98	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Mar 98	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
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Nov 02	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Dec 02	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Jan 03	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Feb 03	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Mar 03	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Apr 03	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
May 03	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
Jun 03	93-02	93-13	91-16	92-20	0
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From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give your own total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Share Price	Dividend
1	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	100	100
2	Hadwood Foods	Food	100	100
3	Wickes	Draperies	100	100
4	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	100	100
5	S & U Stores	Draperies	100	100
6	Glass Glover	Food	100	100
7	Central TV	Draperies	100	100
8	Magnet	Draperies	100	100
9	EMAP	Draperies	100	100
10	Booth Int	Industrials A-D	100	100
11	Meyer Int	Draperies	100	100
12	Holmes of London	Draperies	100	100
13	Neill (Int)	Industrials E-K	100	100
14	Stand Chem (Int)	Food	100	100
15	Heads Motor	Food	100	100
16	Br Poulton (Int)	Food	100	100
17	AAH	Industrials A-D	100	100
18	Addison Cons	Draperies	100	100
19	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	100	100
20	Lynion Prop	Food	100	100
21	Holts	Industrials E-K	100	100
22	Ferranti	Industrials E-K	100	100
23	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials E-K	100	100
24	Argyll (Int)	Food	100	100
25	Microfilm Repro	Industrials E-K	100	100
26	Brook PLC	Draperies	100	100
27	DAKS Simpson A	Draperies	100	100
28	Br Land	Draperies	100	100
29	Praxair	Industrials E-K	100	100
30	Vibroplant	Industrials E-K	100	100
31	Woodside	Industrials E-K	100	100
32	Colme Int	Industrials E-K	100	100
33	Walker Greenbank	Industrials E-K	100	100
34	Fine Art Dev	Industrials E-K	100	100
35	Jones Sured	Industrials E-K	100	100
36	Redford (Int)	Industrials E-K	100	100
37	Broken Hill	Industrials E-K	100	100
38	Rothmans B	Industrials E-K	100	100
39	Wholesale Fitting	Industrials E-K	100	100
40	Vais	Industrials E-K	100	100
41	Allied-Lyons (Int)	Industrials E-K	100	100
42	Scars (Int)	Industrials E-K	100	100
43	Longwood Dist	Industrials E-K	100	100
44	Alcan	Industrials E-K	100	100

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 on Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL

BRITISH FUNDS			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

SHORTS (Under Five Years)			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

UNDATED			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

INDEX-LINKED			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

BANKS DISCOUNT MP			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

BANKS DISCOUNT MP			
1987	High	Low	Share Price

# STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

## Shares strong at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end September 25. Contango day September 28. Settlement day October 5.  
 §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (a) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 25.)

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### BREWERIES

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### ELECTRICALS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### FINANCE AND LAND

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### FOODS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### CINEMAS AND TV

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### DRAPERY AND STORES

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### INDUSTRIALS A-D

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### HOTELS AND CATERERS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### INDUSTRIALS E-K

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### E-K

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### INSURANCE

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### LEISURE

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### MINING

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### S-Z

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### OIL & GAS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### PROPERTY

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### SHIPPING

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### SHOES AND LEATHER

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### TEXTILES

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

### TOBACCO

1987	High	Low	Share Price	Dividend

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987	High	Low	Company	Price	Open	Close	Change	%	P/E
11-A	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-B	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-C	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-D	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-E	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-F	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-G	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-H	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-I	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-J	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-K	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-L	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-M	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-N	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-O	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-P	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-Q	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-R	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-S	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-T	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-U	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-V	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-W	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-X	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-Y	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-Z	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-A	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-B	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-C	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-D	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-E	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-F	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-G	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-H	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-I	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-J	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-K	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-L	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-M	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-N	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-O	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-P	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-Q	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-R	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-S	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-T	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
12-U	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
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11-B	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-C	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-D	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-E	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-F	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-G	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-H	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-I	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-J	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-K	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-L	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-M	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
11-N	10.00	9.75	W. G. Co.	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00	0.0	10.0
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September 17, 1987

**T**he spirit of enterprise is alive and well in today's teenagers and tomorrow's entrepreneurs. This I can report after recently marking pile upon pile of A level business studies scripts from around the country. There is a thirst for business know-how and opportunity among young people which overshadows business courses from O level to degree and beyond. The image of business has changed. Gone are the days when bank managers were kept in wardrobes and accountants were lampooned by Monty Python.

Enterprise and trade are now associated with energy and change. Profit is not the exclusive of a generation ago but a green light to new horizons.

This is all very encouraging, particularly when the wealth-creating burden of a relatively shrinking working population is becoming heavier. But we must do more than simply cheer as this cavalry of young businessmen and businesswomen arrives. The enthusiasm and idea-creating abilities of young people are fragile qualities and must be carefully nurtured by educators and industrialists alike.

There is no formula for business success. The answers to today's problems are unlikely to work in tomorrow's changed world. Our focus must therefore be on teaching and encouraging an approach to decision-making that will serve us all well in a dynamic business world.

Of course, we must guide young people through the technicalities

of marketing, production, finance and the other pillars of business education but we must always encourage initiative and new bright ideas. Otherwise, we produce clones of ourselves today to wrestle with the problems of tomorrow.

Teenagers have always been interested in winners but until recently the business world was completely absent in such thoughts. Now Richard Branson ranks alongside the stars of *Miami Vice* and the City is a venue as exciting as Wembley.

Teenagers offer their enthusiasm and we have a duty to give it opportunity and direction. We must try to give every young entrepreneur a chance to win, at some level somewhere. This starts in the seedbed of school-industry liaison with problem-solving projects and may progress to the boardrooms of the future. Experience is vital but this must be gained rather than handed on from one generation to the next.

Education in business, as elsewhere, is essentially about discovery and it is the role of educators and industrialists to provide opportunities for people to find their own answers. Of course, we must provide advice and guidance but if learning is to be lasting it comes alongside a sense of winning rather than simply following others. There is a little of the pioneer in all of us and this is gradually finding an outlet in the new GCSE coursework. A level business studies projects and the many Young Enterprise companies blossoming in schools around the country.

Nicholas E. Williams: Enterprise and trade are now associated with energy and change

## Today's teenagers have a thirst for business skills



Nicholas E. Williams, an A level examiner, is head of business studies at Millfield School

My own pupils' real and specific investigations range from the marketing of a new "organic" cheese, through to the ergonomics of a modern office and the siting of a new superstore. They identify the problem, provide the analysis and make the recommendations. Here pupils experience first-hand the constraints of reality and learn to take responsibility for their own decisions.

The glazed look of second best is increasingly absent in the eyes of sixth-formers discussing business as a career. Nowadays business is often the choice of able people who previously would not have looked beyond the professions.

At a time when we are facing increasing business competition from abroad we are fortunate to have a rising generation of businessmen and businesswomen with talent, imagination and enthusiasm. We must give them every opportunity to help them-

selves and, in turn, us all.

There is a tremendous amount of goodwill on both sides of the school-industry equation but there is in part a danger that, as Mark Twain remarked about the weather, "everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it". Participation is the key ingredient in successful learning and this must be the way forward in business education.

Guest lectures on aspects of business ranging, in my experience, from the raising of venture capital to the marketing of British date palms in the Middle East are well received and now relatively common in schools.

But it is clear that the lasting effect of such talks is not so much their technical content but the awe and excitement generated in pupils contemplating the galaxy of business opportunities awaiting them in the future.

A growing number of local and

national firms generously help to harness this energy by investing some of their hard-pressed time and resources in advising young people about business. This may take the form of technical advice to a school's Young Enterprise company. Pupils set up the company, raise their own share capital and back their own judgment on market research, the organization of people and production, a judgment tested in that most hostile of examinations - the market-place.

Other firms and business organizations devise sophisticated computer-based simulations of markets and businesses against which sixth-formers are invited to pit their decision-making wits, maximizing both profits and learning alike. These vital developments take business education a step closer towards conveying its most important lesson to young people, a pro-

found understanding of business risk.

For too long, too many people have left school believing that businesses, particularly those that are large and established, occupy their market positions in safety, as a matter of right, immune from changing tastes and free of risk. They are not.

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Young businessmen and businesswomen now learn this at school as they pull together and sharpen their teeth on real business problems, accessed courtesy of the increasingly productive partnership cemented between schools and industry. Business education now transcends the classroom and business risk is

more than a thought that evaporates on the bell at the end of the lesson.

This is still a young area of school education and some teachers and industrialists find themselves looking at each other for guidance, largely ignorant of each other's world but knowing that they should be doing something. It is probably time for a dose of our own medicine.

Work experience schemes are now well established for pupils across the country but the secondment of staff between schools and industry is rare. We are both in the people business and we must learn from each other both home and away. The school-university-teaching path is too well trodden and delays the year when young people see a move from school to industry as a change of gear rather than direction.

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## The unfair tribunals

Women are now working in greater numbers than ever before. The work force in Great Britain has been steadily growing and the growth is largely because of increased numbers of women at work. In 1972 women accounted for only 37.5 per cent of the workforce; in 1989 the proportion is predicted to reach 42 per cent.

Yet women are still concentrated in low-paid, low status work — often where there is demand for part-timers — despite the existence in the past decade of equal pay and sex discrimination laws; and their average earnings seem stuck at about 75 per cent of men's.

Today many of the reasons for the failure of women to make significant inroads up the "pay and prospects" ladder are revealed with the publication of the first full-scale study of every sex discrimination and equal pay tribunal case over a period of three years. The work, *Judging Inequality* (Cobden Trust), is by Alice Leonard, now deputy legal adviser for the Equal Opportunities Commission, and it represents a damning indictment of the legal system in its failure to enforce the laws.

Her findings, described as "disturbing" by Professor Bob Hepple, chairman of the Industrial Tribunals in England and Wales, are that widespread ignorance and misunderstanding exists about the equality laws among those sitting on tribunals.

Based on some 300 industrial tribunal decisions, she reveals that even several years after the legislation came into force, many tribunals are making legal errors in their decisions and applying the wrong legal standard. They fail to apply the test for direct discrimination (whether the complainant was treated less favourably than a man in similar circumstances would have been), and instead ask merely whether the employer's actions were reasonable, which is the test for unfair dismissal.

And although the Employment Appeal Tribunal's guidance states that the tribunal should require a "clear, specific and credible" explanation — other than for reasons of sex — for discriminatory treatment, Leonard finds tribunals too ready to accept vague and generalized statements, even when they appear to be inconsistent with other evidence, or based on irrelevant considerations such as "benevolent" motives.

She cites lack of training or a chance to develop special skills as factors responsible for the relatively poor performance and inconsistent expertise of tribunals: sex and race discrimination cases constitute less than 3 per cent of the tribunals' caseload.

Cases are assigned "wholly at random", she says: a total of 215 hearings were distributed among 116 different chairmen. And despite a stated practice of assigning full-time chairmen to sex discrimination and equal pay claims, full-time chairmen presided at only two

thirds of the discrimination cases and only half of the equal pay cases, over the three years studied. In Scotland, by contrast, a full-time chairman was assigned to every such case.

The tribunals also often fail to include any women members, again, despite stated practice to do so: in England and Wales one in 10 discrimination cases and one in four equal pay cases were heard by all-male panels. The worst record, Leonard notes, was in the most recent year, when one-third of equal pay cases were decided by all-male panels.

Much of this is critical when looking at the success of claims. The presence of a full-time chair and of a woman on the panel — plus other factors such as legal representation and proper presentation of a case with witnesses by the complainant — all appeared to contribute to the likely success of the decision.

Some 28 per cent of sex discrimination claims before full-time chairmen were successful, compared with 21 per cent heard by part-time chairmen. With equal pay cases, complainants heard by full-time chairmen won twice as often as

of equal value. These related both "to the construction of the regulations, necessitating cases being taken to the higher courts and in the complexity and length of proceedings in industrial tribunals."

Total inquiries to the Commission about pay and conditions showed a 16 per cent drop in 1986 against the previous year, with "equal pay for work of equal value" complaints barely exceeding 100. The Commission says the figures justify its original fears that the way in which the amendment would operate would deter many women from bringing complaints at all.

In the meantime, there are a number of test cases awaiting rulings in the House of Lords and higher courts: Julie Hayward, a canteen worker at Cammell Laird, is claiming equal pay with shipyard painters and joiners; women working at Freemans mail order house are claiming equal pay with male checkers and there is a test case brought by three speech therapists, with implications for thousands of women health service workers, awaiting a High Court ruling.

In the light of all this Alice Leonard calls for some urgent reforms to the way the legal system tackles equal pay and sex discrimination claims. First, she says, tribunal expertise should be increased: a full-time chair should be assigned to every case which includes a sex discrimination or equal pay claim; and the panel should include a woman member.

Second, all members, including chairs, of such panels should receive training and re-training in the provisions of the acts; and guidelines should be issued to them on recurring issues. Tribunals already have such guidance on the issue of dismissal for various reasons (illness, incompetence, criminal offences, redundancy) and similar guidance could be given for equality cases.

She also urges a "major effort" by all agencies and individuals — such as law centres and advice bureaux — who are in a position to assist complainants, so that their cases can be better presented; and calls on the EOC to attempt to encourage and help with the development of expert representatives far more widely than exists now.

Finally, the EOC should be able to bring tribunal proceedings in its own name; and she suggests that some kind of formal mechanism be brought in to enable joint claims by groups of women along the lines of the American "class action". She floats some other controversial reforms: shifting the burden of proof so that the onus would be on the employer to justify his actions; creating a specialized discrimination tribunal to hear claims or adopting a more inquisitorial (rather than adversarial) approach in tribunal proceedings.

*Judging Inequality*, Alice M. Leonard, (£9.95, the Cobden Trust).

Although more women  
have jobs than ever  
before they still suffer  
from discrimination  
because of a failure of  
the legal system to protect  
them, says Frances Gibb

those with part-time chairmen. Success rates were also substantially higher where there was a woman panel member.

Alice Leonard's study is timely because the Equal Opportunities Commission this autumn will be drawing up a package of proposals to put to the Government for ways to make the sex discrimination and equal pay laws stronger. At the same time, it is expected soon to canvass opinion on what should be done specifically to strengthen the equal pay provisions in a consultation document on the 1970 Act.

For despite the change to the Act forced on the Government by the EEC, which came into force in 1984, it is still proving costly, complex and difficult to pursue equal pay claims. Before that change, women could only claim equal pay to men doing like work.

The amendment to the law meant that they can now claim equal pay for work of equal value, despite the change to law which was forced on the Government by the EEC. The Commission expressed concern about the failings of the law in its annual report earlier this year. Lady Platt, the chairman, said that there were increasing difficulties for women trying to pursue claims for equal pay for work

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# One year to Seoul's sporting miracle

By David Miller Chief Sports Correspondent

The 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul may be the most spectacular and most international sports event ever staged. Invitations will be sent today from Lausanne to a record number of 167 national Olympic committees. They will compete in more sports than ever before, at the most modern complex of facilities ever constructed, and completed two years in advance.

South Korea is preparing to demonstrate to the world its 25 year economic miracle. Several imponderables, political, moral and economic, will determine whether or not the ambitious dream of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee — to bring more countries than ever peacefully together in a sports festival — and of the Koreans will succeed.

At the present moment it looks as though the political manipulation of North Korea — to gain a share of the game to which constitutionally it has no right, and indeed, should it get it, could not then in fact handle the security logistics — will quietly collapse. And that when it does, fellow socialist big brothers will not consider the cause worth a boycott.

The only factor now likely to keep the Soviet Union, East Germany and others away from Seoul is either an outbreak immediately before the game of terrorism by unidentified North Korean infiltrators, or further domestic political rioting by rival South Korean factions. A few capitalist brothers might also be less than enthusiastic in such circumstances, and we can expect the most trenchantly security-conscious Games yet witnessed.

If political issues can be kept out of the spotlight for the first time since the last Olympics in Asia, in Tokyo in 1964, it remains to be seen whether the spirit of the Games has been damaged by scheduling concessions, in switching events to the morning, to suit both American prime time television and conventional, climatic Korean habits, and by being too big or too professional.

There is, frankly, nothing wrong in this switching when a 12- to 14-hour time adjustment is required, so long as competitors have had more than a year to acclimatize to the prospect, and physically to acclimatize during the preceding fortnight or so. Daley Thompson regularly starts competition at breakfast time, sprinters have morning heats, Ali and Frazier fought in the



middle of the African night, Coo spent six weeks acclimatizing to the Los Angeles time difference.

What is imperative is that schedules, having been fixed, are not further manipulated by NBC Television, the way CBS has callously deformed the United States tennis championships at Flushing Meadows for commercial ends. It is said that when Martina Navratilova complained about alteration of the timing of the women's final last week, she was abruptly told to her face by some CBS executives to "shut up". NBC,

A year today the torch will be carried into Seoul to light the flame which will declare open the 1988 Summer Olympic Games. Experts from *The Times* detail the preparations being made and analyse Britain's chances of success in the 23 sports.

fortunately, has a more sympathetic approach to competitors.

On size, there seems to me to be no easy definition of what is acceptable, if there is not to be the decision to eliminate team games, or arbitrarily judged sports such as ice skating. Against such exclusions is the fact that team events often epitomize the sporting spirit: for example, the British hockey team in Los Angeles, or the United States ice hockey team in Lake Placid. Giganism may reduce the number of cities that can bid for the Games, though there

is no shortage at present; and who is to say which sports are more deserving of inclusion than others? Badminton surely should be included.

As for professionalism, it has always been true that the prestige of the Olympics, standing above professional reward, would enhance the professional potential of anyone who succeeded. The status of the Olympics still guarantees that we will see Lewis v Johnson, or Aonita v Cram or Coe.

Happily, the British still try to take a balanced view of the value of the game. "We don't send a team just to get medals," Charles Palmer, the chairman of the British Olympic Association, says. "We believe that people who go come back and add to the fabric of society, set an example to youth. They help everyone do better next time. Medals are a bonus."

Britain sent its largest team ever to Los Angeles with 514 personnel (362 competitors and 152 officials) and returned with five gold medals, 11 silver and 21 bronze. The cost was £2 million, and this time, over a greater distance, it will be £2.5 million. If the Olympic appeal falls short, all British teams will be cut by an equal proportion.

The BOA, unwisely perhaps, exerts no guideline on selection by individual

sports governing bodies. It would make sense to relate selection to world ranking, so that for example rowing does not exclude an overseas in the top 20 while gymnastics sends someone outside the top 100.

Athletics is in some turmoil, following the unauthorised leaking by the AAA that pre-selection would be abolished in future and there would be trials for the first two past the post. Frank Dick, the British Board's chief coach, has been told by Bill Carson, the new operational chairman of the Board — which continues in existence until January 1989 — that the coaching system remains unaltered, and selection has not been formally discussed. Some AAA officials are clearly attempting to get their feet under the table in a hurry with this selection announcement.

"Pre-selection policy since 1980 has had more success than failure," Dick says, "but these things tend not to be determined by professional opinion. Whatever system we do have for next year, it should be announced early, so that athletes know where they stand."

"No country is wholly content with its selection system except for the GDR, who pre-select, and do not have trials but training camps which determine the fitness of their leading performers."

## Price of freedom for BOA spirals to £3 million mark

By John Goodbody

The British Olympic Association (BOA) needs to raise a minimum of £3 million to send a team exceeding 760 competitors and officials with their equipment to the 1988 Winter and Summer Games and stay solvent over the next four years.

That is the reality of a body, whose independence from Government finance was best exemplified in 1980 when it stood out against Mrs Thatcher's demand that Britain should support the boycott of the Moscow Olympics. But the price of freedom is high — and growing every Olympiad.

In 1936, the appeal was only £9,046. By 1952 it had reached £70,000. In 1980 it was £836,301. Although more individuals than ever (or since) gave donations in sympathy with the BOA over Moscow, this did not compensate for the difficulty of obtaining money from the companies that sup-

ported the Government's attitude.

In 1984, £3 million was collected, but this lacked £500,000 from BOA USA, the highly successful fund-raising effort in California, using British residents. This would not work in South Korea.

Much of the surplus in 1984 was used to establish the BOA medical centre, opened at Northwick Park Hospital a fortnight ago. The remainder is kept for emergencies, such as occurred in 1980.

There is a minimum target of £1 million net from company sponsorship and the BOA is already over half-way there. Corporation Tax has to be paid on sponsorship income, which is derived from using such features as the BOA's symbol and name on goods and products. The BOA also receives money from the marketing of the Olympic rings by ISL, the agency commissioned by the Inter-

national Olympic Committee.

The appeal for the remaining £2 million (non-taxable) from industry and individuals will be launched by the Princess Royal on October 14. About 100 leaders in industry are being recruited to approach personal contacts in business for financial support, while regional fund raising groups have already been appointed.

These were highly productive in 1984, although some areas, such as Western England, Kent and Suffolk, were not directly covered. This has been rectified in 1988 and the scheme has been extended, often with the help of Barclays Bank, using the experience and time of regional personnel, and Grant Thornton, the chartered accountants. The groups will arrange dinners, promotions and raffles.

George Nicholson, who has been appeals secretary since 1977, says: "One particular

change over the last 10 years has been the growth of people actually wanting to do things to raise money, such as sponsored runs, rather than simply putting money in a tin at a function."

One fresh scheme is the Weetabix "Adoptasport" project, in which 750 schools will do fund-raising through fun runs. The money will be split, 50 percent to the appeal and 50 percent to the school, in return for free coaching and wall charts in one of eight sports. Nicholson says: "I am confident we will raise the £3 million. Every penny will be well spent."

Judging from the enormous public response in Britain to the coming Calgary Winter Olympics, interest in the Seoul Games could be heading for a boom. Sportsworld Travel, the official Olympic tour operators, expected fewer than 100 clients to travel with them to Calgary. They have 500 so far.



Olympic city: the giant main stadium (centre right) will stage the ceremonies, athletics and the football final; the Chamsil Gymnasium (lower left) basketball, the Students' Gymnasium (top left) boxing and the Baseball Stadium (top right) that demonstration sport. Swimming will be in a new stadium at nearby Olympic Park and not in the present pool (centre left)

## How Britain is shaping up for Games challenge

### ATHLETICS

Success in Seoul would turn Sebastian Coe and Daley Thompson into Olympic legends. They are already close to that status with their two successive Olympic victories, which for Coe, in the 1,500 metres, already stands alone.

Thompson has promised that his demise in the world championship was an aberration caused largely by injury restricting his training. Coe, who was also injured, missed Rome. He has given up aspirations for the 5,000 metres, and it will be fascinating to see how he copes with a hopefully resurgent Steve Cram and an emerging Abdi Bile, not to mention the ubiquitous Said Aouita, who is also threatening to forgo the 5,000 metres to return to the 1,500 metres.

Fatima Whitbread, the success of the British team in the world and European championships in the past two years, does not lack opposition, notably Petra Felke, of East Germany, who took her world record.

But Miss Whitbread's two decisive victories over the East German augustus in the Olympic title. And Tessa Sanderson, the holder, will not be far away.

Britons have done well in recent Olympics: four golds in Moscow and three in Los Angeles owed little or nothing to two successive boycotts and Britain also acquired strength in depth, particularly in men's track. Linford Christie and John Regis can aspire to medals in the sprints, and Derek Redmond and Roger Black over one lap.

Peter Elliott's strength is his forte over four rounds of the 800 metres, bringing second place in Rome. And Tom McLean can not run so badly again. His (milo 44.55sec win in Lausanne on Tuesday — his second defeat of Billy Konchellah — was more like the real McKean.

There is world class back-up at 800 and 1,500 metres in Steve Cramb, John Gladwin and Adrian Passey, with the promise of a comeback by Iken Billy. Jack Buckner can at least win a medal at 5,000 metres.

The high hurdles have never been a strong British event. But the way Jonathan Ridgeon and Colin Jackson have progressed in the last three years, sharing European and world junior gold and silver medals, and deferring only to the defending world champion, Greg Foster in this year's European, they can emulate Guy Druet, of France, as a European to steal an Olympic title from the Americans.

It is to be hoped, if not expected, that other poor performances, like Cram's in Rome, will be rectified in Seoul, while Liz Lynch has the potential to be one of the greatest women's distance runners.

In the javelin, Mike Hill is another potential world record-holder, who will be eager to make amends for failing under pressure. And, perhaps, Zola Budd will be back to bolster the lamentably weak British women's team.

Pat Butcher



McKean: revenge taker

### SWIMMING

After beating top-class opposition in winning their European titles in Strasbourg, Adrian Moorhouse (100m breaststroke) and Andrew Jameson (100m butterfly) are Britain's strongest prospects.

These two with Neil Cochran (backstroke) and Roland Lee (freestyle) also form a formidable 4 x 100m medley relay team, proved by their finishing only 0.5sec down when the Soviets set a European record. Jameson and Cochran, both at Arizona State University, plan regular competition against the strongest opposition up to Olympic and Moscow and Lee will also prepare in the United States.

If Nick Gillingham continues the improvement he has shown since being coached by Rick Bailey at Birmingham, he could become a threat over 200m breaststroke, while the gifted young freestyle sprinter, Mark Foster, might blossom in 12 months. There is also some hope for the Tynesider, Kevin Boyd, to regain the pace that took him to fourth in last year's world championship 400m freestyle.

For Britain's women, Suki Brownson, a finalist at the past two Olympic Games, looks the brightest prospect after her British breaststroke record-breaking in Strasbourg. June Croft, faster every time out since her comeback following three years retirement, too might return to medal form in time.

### ROY MORR

The British team will almost certainly hinge on the events which Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes decide to contest. They could attempt the double as they did in this year's world championships, winning a gold in coxed pairs and a silver in coxed fours. Redgrave and Holmes are Olympic champions in coxed fours and last year took the world title in coxed pairs. If Redgrave and Holmes decide to contest the eights, combined possibly with a pair, they would expect the best oarsmen to join them.

Outside of this powerful pair Britain's cupboard is not bare: the British coxed men's four just missed a medal in Copen-

hagen and the men's coxed four were fifth from a bad race. Britain's rowing team will have a reservoir of talent and experienced oarsmen, but the major challenge will be how best to deploy their resources.

Jim Rallison

### MODERN

#### PENTATHLON

Excellence in all five disciplines is rare even for the champion, yet Dominic Mahony approaches such perfection. Sure in the saddle, cool on the pistol range, a national champion with the épée, improving in the water and superb over the country, Mahony goes to Seoul with the strongest of medal chances.

The Life Guards Lieutenant and part-time athlete joined the hierarchy with his sixth place in the world championship at Moulins, France, in August. So did Britain's team, bronze medal. Indeed, with Richard Phelps (fourth at Los Angeles and seventh in Moulins), Graham Brookhouse, dominant at the all-rounders, Jason Lawrence, the best all-round modern pentathlete, and runner Peter Hart, from whom to select, Britain's gold in 1976 may be emulated.

Strict drugs checks can be expected at Seoul which, while not completely driving out the cheats, will mean that clean teams' efforts more worthwhile.

Michael Coleman

### JUDO

Over the last four Games, of the 27 fighters Britain have produced, 10 have won medals. But 1988 could be a fairly bleak year. For while the likely team is not short on natural talent, it does not have individuals who possess medal-winning credentials like retired Neil Adams and Brian Jackson.

But the sport is unpredictable, and five or six Britons in the seven weight categories have chances of a minor medal. The outstanding candidates are those with Games experience — Neil Ekersley, and the lightweight, Kerrish Brown, who took bronze medals in 1984 — and the middleweight, Densign White, second in this year's European championship.

Nicolas Soames

### TENNIS

The unknown quantity about the return of tennis, on an experimental basis, is the strength of the entry. We cannot be sure how many leading players will take part. Moreover, some will be more interested in the athletics than in their own attainments.

Britain's best chance of a medal may lie in the women's doubles, in which Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs have the record and the experience to justify optimism. Miss Hobbs is even more optimistic: "If Jo and I

had hot streaks we could get to the semi-finals."

The value of Olympic tennis medals is conjectural. "I cannot see all the top players taking part, so it can't be the best event," Miss Hobbs says. "Maybe tennis will take off in the Olympics, but in my career the biggest events have been the grand slams."

There will be four Olympic events: men's singles (64 entries), women's singles (probably 48, but 32 for the moment) and men's and women's doubles (16 teams in each). Four medals will be awarded in every event, the leading semi-finalists taking bronze. That is the medal most likely to come Britain's way, and only in the women's doubles.

Rex Bellamy

### SHOOTING

The best British prospects again come from Malcolm Cooper, the champion, and Alister Allan, the bronze medal winner in the three positions rifle event. They have each won Olympic quota places for both three-position and prone rifle under the scheme, which restricts each country to send only competitors who have won only one world cup matches. This has increased competitiveness and Britain, like other nations, will have a smaller team, but Cooper and Allan have produced scores in training, which show them well up to medal standards.

Britain has six quota places — Sarah Cooper for women's three-position rifle and Ian Peel for Olympic trap, already qualifying although Barry Dagg, who won the air rifle bronze in 1984, has not yet achieved a quota place. He joins the British contingent attempting to qualify in the World Cup in Seoul next week.

### YACHTING

After the disappointment of a solitary bronze medal in California, Britain's aspirations of regaining the honour of being tested in South Korea next week when 20 crews attend the pre-Olympic regatta off Pusan.

A strong chance for gold rests between Stuart Childerley and Lawrence Crispin for the single berth in the Finn class. Childerley has won four international regattas this year and the European crown three weeks

ago, but was third at the recent NatWest pre-Olympic series in Weymouth Bay. Crispin was fourth at the European championship.

The Tornado catamaran sailors, Rob White and Jeremy Newman, won the world championship, but a death in the White family, illness and a broken mast have left the pair well off the pace. White believes he has now found spar to match the bend characteristics of his earlier mast and the Pusan regatta is his first test.

At the last Olympics, Chris Law and his crew were pipped to the bronze medal in the Soling class. Now, after a two-year break they have come back "to complete some unfinished business." Last weekend, Law finished fourth at the European championship in Sweden and is now preparing for the world championship off Melbourne.

Other hopefuls include Jonathan Turner and Peter Allen together with Weymouth winners Will Henderson and Adam Bowers in the Flying Dutchman Class, and former women's world champion Cathy Foster, who has joined Jackie Patton to compete for the first women's medals at Olympic level.

Barry Pickthall

### EQUESTRIANISM

The question for Seoul is not if Britain will finish in the medals but if they will win gold. The show-jumping chances are the best for 16 years, following last year's IOC ruling that professionals can apply to be reinstated as amateurs.

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### OTHER SPORTS

Some of the most memorable moments in the Olympics have occurred away from the main focal points — and Seoul is unlikely to be an exception.

Britain have never had a medal in canoeing, but this could change. In 1986, Jeremy West became the first Western European to break the domination of the Eastern bloc by taking the world kayak title over 500m and 1,000m. He is in the squad going to Seoul for the pre-Olympic regatta next week after a low-key summer.

In table tennis, making its first appearance in the Games, Desmond Douglas is ranked twelfth in the world, but six of those are Chinese and only three from each country can take part. In top form and given a favourable draw, Douglas could win a medal.

Britain's fencing standard has revived since Los Angeles. In the foil events, Linda Martin, tenth in 1984, Billy Crooke, fourth in this year's Martini tournament, and Pierre Harper, eleventh in the world championship, are improving.

So, in archery, could Steven Hallard, the first Briton to obtain a 1300 FITA score, and conceivably Pauline Edwards, Noel Loban, a bronze medal winner in the 1984 Olympics in the under-90kg freestyle wrestling, was fourth in the recent world championships. Another medal is possible next year, largely thanks to an American collegiate background.

Boxing, gymnastics and cycling are popular sports on television, but are unlikely to bring Britain medals. The attraction for young talent of professional boxing has increasingly stifled the efforts of Kevin Hickey, the excellent national coach, so Britain continues while Britain have not won an Olympic gymnastics medal since 1928. Even in 1984, when the boycott spoiled the tournament, no British gymnast finished higher than nineteenth overall. No one looks outstanding in cycling, although the road races are often a lottery.

In 1984 Dave Mercer, at mid-heavyweight, won Britain's first weightlifting medal for 20 years, but the sport is dominated by the Communist countries, absent from Los Angeles. Yet, if David Morgan continues to improve at light-heavyweight, there could be a place in the top six in Seoul.

Britain have not entered either the football or volleyball tournaments while qualification is highly unlikely, and basketball has not qualified.

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## Dictator's reputation is at stake

Across Seoul, a city of ten million people, the clocks that run backwards will change once a day for 365 this morning, marking exactly a year before the XXIV Olympic Games open. A parade near city hall and traditional dancers at the Olympic weightlifting gymnasium will highlight the anniversary celebration.

But the colourful festivities mask a growing sense of unease as this country inches towards its first open presidential election in 16 years. Underlying the tension are rumours of repressive measures within the powerful military forces, which could affect the staging of the Games.

"Koreans have this fatalistic sense that things won't work out right," a western diplomat said yesterday. "They have seen the military overthrow democracy before and they are afraid it will happen again."

International talks in June about moving the Olympics from Seoul, because of violent protests in the streets, were a major factor in forcing President Chun Doo Hwan to bow to demands for direct presidential elections. No Olympics in Seoul would have meant a total loss of face to the ex-general, who has characterised the Games as a "supreme national task."

His officials affirm that the election will take place before December 20 and the International Olympic Committee has said the Games will be held in Seoul or nowhere. But should the military move to deny democracy, another Olympic boycott would be likely, destroying the nation's image and threatening to catapult South Korea into the league of leading nations.

The major cause of a military coup is the threat of a ruling party election defeat. Should Mr Chun lose, his supporters face retribution from a new government, democracy could face a quick death.

During his seven years in power, President Chun has kept order through brutal repression, an extensive security apparatus and what many claim is widespread corruption. But opposition leaders have been careful to avoid calls for revenge. During a recent visit to Kwangju, where Chun's troops killed more than 200 people in a 1980 uprising, Kim Dae Jung, a presidential hopeful, said: "Dictatorship can never be forgiven, but the dictator can."

The opposition, led by Kim and Kim Young Sam, has a good chance to unseat the regime if it can settle on a single candidate. That is a big "if".

At the height of the violent protests in June, the government came within inches of declaring limited martial law, but backed down under United States pressure. The chance for a coup arose again earlier this month, when there were labour strikes and student protests.

But studies show signs of a new era. Students have been able to mobilise large crowds at their demonstrations. With the Olympics approaching and the national security apparatus on edge, they are putting on their best behaviour.

John Gittelsohn



## FOOTBALL

# Merseysiders rush to support the new-look Liverpool

By Ian Ross

Liverpool's costly summer rebuilding programme, made necessary by the departure of the Welsh international forward, Ian Rush, to Juventus, is already being hailed as a success on Merseyside, where the desire to erase the bitter memory of last season's rare failures has fuelled anticipation to an unprecedented level.

More than 78,000 people have already passed through the Anfield turnstiles for the club's opening two fixtures — games delayed by extensive and expensive repair work to a collapsed sewer beneath the ground's Kop terrace.

And with Liverpool showing uncharacteristic early form — Tuesday night's win over Charlton Athletic extended an unbeaten run to five games and moved them into third place in the first division — the trend of increased attendances seems destined to continue.

It is a warming fact and one that has not been lost on Kenny Dalglish, the manager, who has the unenviable task of papering over the cracks that inevitably opened up in the wake of Rush's departure.

His summer buys, the England international, John Barnes and Peter Beardsley, are already being talked about as the cornerstones of the new-look Liverpool and with John Aldridge, the forward bought from Oxford United towards the end of last season, scoring with uncanny regularity, the feeling is that the balance of Merseyside footballing power is once again poised to move the length of Stanley Park.

"We have been delighted with the enthusiasm being shown by our supporters," Dalglish said. "Once again they are turning up in their thousands, which leads me to believe that we are giving them something which they want."

"I have said in the past that on some occasions the support we receive from our supporters is absolutely vital. That was again proved to be the case against Charlton in mid-week because the volume of noise seemed to increase after we had fallen behind."

The initial part of the new campaign has already proved to be a success for Aldridge, who has scored in every one of the seven senior games he has started for Liverpool since his £750,000 move north.

"Yes, it is going well but I must now try and extend this good scoring run of mine," he said. "I have not set myself any targets for this season; at this stage I am simply happy to be in the side."

Diego Maradona may pay a return visit to England this year despite having suffered a hostile reception when he played for the Rest of the World at Wembley in August. The Football League are still considering the Argentinean's club, Napoli — the Italian champions — as possible opponents for Everton in a Centenary Challenge match at Maine Road, Manchester, on November 29.

Everton, as League champions, were originally scheduled to play the Scottish champions, Rangers, but that match was called off because of the possibility of crowd trouble. Now the League are seeking a leading Continental side as a replacement. The shortlist is believed to be comprised of the European Cup holders, Porto; Johan Cruyff's Ajax; the German champions, Bayern Munich, and Napoli.

There was no racing yesterday, and places might still change, but Britain's only threats come from Eduardo Garcia, of Argentina, fourth in the lightweights, and Cathrine Hoyden, of Norway, lying fourth among the women. In the lightweights, Keith and Ian Escribitt are lying first and third.

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